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TOTTENHAM DECLINE

LONDONERS LOSE AGAIN TO HUDDERSFIELD

Arsenal Consolidate
League Lead.

ONLY TWO CLUBS WIN
AWAY MATCHES

London, To-day.
Huddersfield Town, who last won the premier English Soccer League Championship in the 1925-6 season, are going to prove stern rivals to Arsenal, the champions, this season.

Yesterday Huddersfield secured the "double" over the Spurs when they won by two clear goals on their own ground after beating the Londoners by 3 goals to 1 at White Hart Lane on Monday.

Their two victories in as many days have placed them second only to the Arsenal, who took their second brace of points from Leeds United at Highbury.

The Wolves turned the tables on the Villa in the midlands "derby," running out winners by the odd goal in seven.

Pompey secured their third point from Liverpool by a goal margin, but Newcastle United were the only club to win away from home, scoring seven times at Goodison Park.

Preston North End, hot on the trail for promotion, recorded the "double" against Brentford and rose to second place in the Second Division, but Grimsby, the leaders, also secured a second brace of points to maintain their substantial lead.

The Lincoln revival received a check at Port Vale where the home team won by an only goal.

Chesterfield received another set back when Darlington held them to a draw on the Fleet-hams ground after their sensational win at Chesterfield on Monday.

There was no change in the leadership of the southern section of this Division, Norwich beating the Palace to secure the maximum points from their two games against the Londoners.

The following ten Clubs secured maximum points from their two matches on Christmas Day and Boxing Day Arsenal, Huddersfield, Preston, Oldham, Grimsby, Millwall, Barnsley, Rotherham, Norwich, and Charlton.

Portsmouth, Hull, Bury, Chester, Darlington, Walsall, Southport, Stockport, Reading, Coventry, and Queen's Park Rangers dropped only one point.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Arsenal	2	Leeds	0
Birmingham	4	Sheffield U.	0
Chelsea	4	Sunderland	0
Everton	3	Newcastle	0
Huddersfield	2	Tottenham	0
Leicester	3	Stoke	0
Manchester C.	2	Derby	0
Middlesbrough	3	Blackburn	0
Portsmouth	1	Liverpool	0
Wednesday	4	West Brom	0
Wolves	4	Aston V.	0

Second Division.

Bradford C.	2	Bury	0
Grimsby	7	Manchester U.	0
Hull	3	Blackpool	0
Millwall	3	Notts C.	0
Notts P.	2	Plymouth	0
Oldham	1	Barnley	0
Port Vale	1	Lincoln	0
Preston	5	Brentford	0
Swansea	2	Fulham	0
Walsall	1	W. Ham	0

U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY AID RAILWAYS

Re-Financing Of Securities In
1934 Under Consideration

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received December 27, 9.58 a.m.)

Washington, To-day.
The Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Mr. Jesse Jones, has revealed that the R.F.C. is considering helping the re-financing of the railroad securities maturing in 1934.

He said that the New York Central and the Illinois Central had both asked for Government aid for the meeting of part of their 1934 maturities.

The New York Central Railway has U.S.\$40,000,000 maturing on May 1.—United Press per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

ARMY XV DEFEAT BLACKHEATH

Richmond Sustain Big
Rugby Defeat.

CARDIFF WIN AT HOME

London, To-day.

The Army recorded a very creditable win yesterday when they defeated Blackheath by 20 points to 11 in the leading Rugby Union game.

Richmond sustained a heavy home defeat when the Wasps won by 34 points to 9.

Results of leading games were as follows:

Bath 23, Old Blues 5.
Blackheath 11, The Army 20.
Bristol 18, Pontypool 3.
Cardiff 13, London Irish 0.
Gloucester 18, Old Merchant 3.
Leicester 5, Birkenhead Park 3.
Richmond 9, Wasps 34.
Newport 9, Watsonsians 7.

—Reuter.

STEEL INDUSTRY RECOVERING

Bright Outlook For
1934 Production.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Cleveland, To-day.
The Cleveland magazine, "Steel," has reported that the industry in the United States is operating at 38 per cent.

The outlook for the first quarter of 1934 is encouraging due to the anticipated heavy demands, the journal states.

The Pittsburgh magazine, "American Metals," states that the market forecasts for 1934 steel production 23,000,000 tons, more than 70 per cent above the 1932 figures.

—U.P. per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

Third Division (North).

Barnsley	5	Hartlepool	4
Barrow	5	Hull	2
Carlisle	2	Stockport	2
Crawley	4	Doncaster	0
Darlington	1	Chester	0
Gateshead	2	Accrington	0
New Brighton	0	Chester	0
Rochdale	3	Southport	2
Rotherham	3	York	0
Walsall	0	Mansfield	0
Wrexham	1	Tranmere	1

Third Division (South).

Brighton	3	Newport	1
Bristol C.	1	Newport	1
Cardiff	3	Cowesby	0
Charlton	4	Walford	0
Clapton	3	Queen P. H.	0
Gillingham	3	Bristol R.	0
Luton	1	Aldershot	0
Norwich	2	Crystal P.	0
Reading	4	Bournemouth	0
Southend	3	Exeter	0
Swindon	1	Exeter	0
Weymouth	2	Abingdon	0

—Reuter.

DEMOCRATIC HARMONY IN CONGRESS

Predicted By U.S.
Senator.

RETURN TO GOLD STANDARD
ADVOCATED

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Washington, To-day.
Senator Byrnes has predicted complete Democratic harmony at Congress, in January, despite the indications of a revenue controversy.

The House of Representatives' member, Mr. Patman, said that he will not press for a bonus if it would "throw a monkey wrench" into the Recovery machine, although he believes that a U.S.\$2,000,000,000 bonus would be the best method for the distribution of money.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

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New York, To-day.
The New York State Chamber of Commerce has published letters from several industrial leaders reiterating the demands for America's return to the gold standard.

The letters include one from Mr. Lenor Loree, the railroad magnate, and one from Mr. Charles Stone, Chairman of Messrs. Stone and Webster.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

U.S. GOLD PRICE UNCHANGED.

Waiting For Effects Of
Silver Plan.

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Washington, To-day.
The unchanged price of gold in the United States is interpreted as an indication that the Government is awaiting the effects of the silver programme before taking further action.

The Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Mr. Jesse Jones, has announced that the R.F.C. has purchased a total of 625,681 ounces of gold, which is equivalent to U.S.\$17,594,000.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

UNIFICATION OF BANKING URGED

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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New York, To-day.
The Morgan controlled Guaranty Trust Company's monthly letter, issued yesterday, urged the unification of American banking under Federal control.

It also urged the extension of branch banking and the re-alignment of the Federal Reserve Board representation.

The present dual system of State and Federal banks is not the best, the journal states.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

STOCKS WEAKEN ON WALL ST.

Demand For Silver Is
Rather Poor.

New York, To-day.
The stock market was weak on Wall Street today, with a general decline in prices. The demand for silver was rather poor.

—Reuter.



A remarkable car accident. Probably as a result of slippery roads, a car overturned on the Great West Road, near Staines, Middlesex, on November 17. The lady driver was injured. (S. & G.)

LESS COTTON IN AMERICA

World Stocks Lower
Than In 1932.

CONSUMPTION FALLS IN
NOVEMBER

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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New York, To-day.
The New York Cotton Exchange reports that the world consumption of American cotton for November was 1,206,000 bales, compared with 1,215,000 for October and 1,200,000 in November last year.

World stocks of American cotton at November 30, including the unpicked plant, 19,570,000 bales compared with 21,276,000 last year and 15,681,000 for the 1926 to 1930 average.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

Soviet Increases Crops.

Moscow, To-day.
The Soviet cotton stock on December 20, amounted to 1,250,000 tons, exceeding the 1932 tonnage by 100,000 tons.

In order to increase the 1934 crop of cotton, districts in Middle Asia and Transcaucasia have been supplied with a greatly increased amount of mineral fertilizers.—Reuter.

FRESH TROUBLE IN CHAHAR.

Bandit Leader Active

Peking, To-day.
Fresh trouble is reported to have occurred in Chahar, where the movements of Liu Kwai-tang, the former bandit leader who has changed sides many times, are now arousing concern.

The Chinese press states that Liu Kwai-tang suddenly left his garrison area for the south-west, after capturing and plundering the town of Chikicheng.

Some quarters regard this move as adding another revolt to the chequered career of the freebooter, who figures in the troubles in Chahar earlier in the year on the side of General Pang Yu-hsiang.—Reuter.

The revised total is now 201, 10 of the injured people having died at Tagny, while 191 victims are already resting at the Pans de Lest.

FRENCH RAILWAY DISASTER

President To Attend
Memorial Service.

Paris, To-day.
President Lebrun will personally attend a memorial service this morning in the Gare de l'Est to the victims in the Lagny train disaster.

The President will be accompanied by members of the Cabinet, railway and other officials, but otherwise attendance will be restricted to relatives of the victims.—Reuter.

Victims Total 201.

NANKING TROOPS ADVANCE ON YENPING

Chinese Press Forecasts Fall Of
Fochow Within A Week

Nanking, To-day.
The Chinese Press gives prominence to a report that the Government troops are advancing on Yenping from Kienow and optimistically forecasts the capture of Fochow within a week.—Reuter.

FUKIEN READY TO ATTACK

Major Hostilities
Threatened.

PANIC IN THE CITY

Fochow, To-day.

The Rebel Government Council is reported to have resolved to issue an order for a general attack on the Central Government position. Major hostilities are consequently in process of development.

Panic reigns in the city. Many inhabitants, who have left the city to avoid air bombing, will be not return for fear of the reappearance of the Nanking planes.—Central News Agency.

PLANE SCARE IN FOOCHOW.

Pedestrians Stampede
For Shelter.

Fochow, To-day.

Another Nanking plane visited Fochow yesterday afternoon and after scouting for 15 minutes made off without dropping any bombs. Pedestrians stampeded for safety on the appearance of the machine.—Central News Agency.

AEROPLANE CARGO FOR FUKIEN

Fochow, To-day.

It is learned in official quarters that a huge consignment of planes and spare parts is being shipped to Fukien from Kwangchow-Wan.

Acting on the information, the Nanking gunboats along the Fukien coast are maintaining a keen look-out for the ship.—Central News Agency.

CONFUSED REPORTS FROM FUKIEN.

Pingnan Reported
Recaptured.

Hangchow, To-day.

According to the latest reports from the front, severe engagements are developing in the vicinity of Shuntai, on the Chekiang border, where the situation is much confused.

SOVIET ENVOY TO AMERICA

Trojanovsky Sails For
Washington.

Moscow, To-day.

M. Trojanovsky, the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to the United States, left here for Washington yesterday.

M. Trojanovsky was appointed to the post following the successful conclusion of the negotiations between the Soviet Government and the American Government.

He will arrive in Washington on Monday.

—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS DISASTERS

FIRE, STORM
AND ERUPTIONS
CAUSE HAVOC

CHURCH TRAGEDY IN
PHILIPPINES.

GALES SWEEP ALEUTIAN
ISLANDS

London, To-day.

Christmastide was marked by an inordinate number of disasters all over the world.

Thirty were trampled to death on Christmas Eve at a service in the village of Tunauan, Philippine Islands, when the congregation, thinking the Church was on fire when a fireworks sparkler was used to illuminate the altar, stampeded in terror.

Seventeen were killed and many rendered homeless while much damage was caused when the Bohnan volcano in the Philippines erupted a flood of sulphurous water sweeping away many houses.

Another eruption on the island of Kuchino-shira, Japan, resulted in four being killed and thirty injured when scores of houses were buried beneath the ashes.

A blind woman and her infant daughter were burned to death at Battle Creek, Michigan, when straw spread on the floor caught fire. The woman's husband, who was attending a party in the neighbourhood, rushed to the scene and was also burnt to death while trying to rescue his family.

Deaths over Christmas in the United States exceeded 180, most of them resulting from motor accidents.

Five died from cold when snowbound in the Middle West, while a 19-year old girl shot herself dead at a party in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The Aleutian Islands suffered much damage when severe gales swept away dwellings and uprooted telegraph poles.—Reuter.

DIRIGIBLES TO SPAN PACIFIC

Goodyear Service To
P.I.

Los Angeles.

The Goodyear interests are prepared to undertake establishment of a dirigible service across the Pacific as soon as Congress passes the necessary legislation.

Paul H. Goodyear, president of the Goodyear Zeppelin company, announced.

He said that both trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific services were being contemplated, but that trans-Pacific service probably would be the first step to be taken.

Necessary legislation involves the establishing of the legal status of dirigibles carrying passengers internationally, and liability in event of accidents.

—Reuter.

FROM CALIFORNIA TO MANILA IN 6 DAYS

Goodyear Service To
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The WOMAN'S Page



New Make-Up For Evening

Gives Elusive Appearance.

There is a new make-up for evening which makes women look elusive, ethereal and much more interesting. It is all done with a lotion which gives a transparent look to the skin after it has been dusted with white, blue or green powder.

FUR DETAILS OF THE SEASON.

Combined Scarf And Muff In One.

Fur details are worth noticing. One designer has introduced a scarf and muff in one. Jackets are fastened with metal buttons. New muffs are about two feet long and very narrow.

Lelong has a most amusing white crepe evening dress with a couple of very fat pieces of fox fur crawling up over each shoulder like gigantic caterpillars.

Insect Accessories.

Clip brooches and ear-rings have appeared to match the caterpillar bracelets. They look like large snails and shells in chromium, glass, copper, and bronze.

"ZULU" TRIMMING

"Zulu" trimming on the new tunic suits is a brushed cotton material used as a kind of piping. It makes a striking black and white contrast round the neck, wrists and hips.

DEMI-SEMI-FROCKS BECOMING

For Cocktail Time

For afternoon and demi-semi frocks the long-fitting sleeves with deep gauntlet cuffs and decorative buttons are most becoming in their newer form.

Sometimes a simple black frock has the same buttons, a little larger in size, to fasten the frock all down one side. In this case the neckline can be boat-shape, and finishing with narrow scarf-drapery, the ends falling on the shoulder.

Such a style, worn with a piquant turban and halo veil, is just the thing for cocktail time.

NOVEL BEAUTY "GADGETS."

Practical Novelties.

The newest lipsticks have coloured caps to match your bag or flap-jack. They are obtainable in orange, bright blue, scarlet, brown, and green.

For reviving a flagging "perm" there are clips that hold the waves in place during the dressing hour. Muscle massagers to take the place of fingers are made of softest white rubber.

Manicure cases in enamelled tin, for travelling, are obtainable in all colours, and are just large enough to carry all your own pet preparations.

MASCULINE BLOUSES

Blouses of white striped crepe satin are made like a man's shirt, except that they have high, draped necks. The stripes are made in the weaving, with a dull and shiny effect mixed.



DON'T BE AFRAID OF ORIGINALITY

Do not be afraid of originality. For that is exactly what the buyers of models in Paris pay the biggest prices for.

If they were getting copies they would not pay nearly so much. Why then should you prize the less valuable and favour it over the more valuable?

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Boiled Mackerel
Butter Sauce
French Fried Potatoes
Curried Beef Balls
Boiled Rice
Cocoa Roll

DINNER

Breton Soup
Fried Smelts
Shrimp Sauce
Roast Wild Ducks
Brown Sauce
Orange Salad
Watercress

Boiled Apple Dumplings

Imported fresh smelts are procurable at the New State Market, on Avenue Joffre for \$1 a pound (about 8 to 10 of them according to size). A delicate little fish which has a singular perfume of sardines. It requires great care in cleaning. Pull the gills out and the inside will come with them. Wipe and dry gently. Smelts should not be washed more than is necessary when cleaning them.

Fried Smelts

8 smelts, a little flour, 1 egg, frying fat, breadcrumbs, parsley sauce. Wash, cut off the fins, dry the fish in a cloth, and dredge a little flour over them. Beat up the egg and dip the smelts into it, then into breadcrumbs, and plunge them into a pan of boiling fat, let them fry gently for a few minutes until a bright brown. When cooked, dish the fish on a napkin, garnish with fried parsley, and hand anchovy or shrimp sauce.

Boiled Mackerel

3 or 4 pounds mackerel, 1 onion, 10 peppercorns, 1 tablespoon of salt, water to cover, 1 carrot, 1 bunch of herbs. Clean and wash

the mackerel cut off the head and fins. Peel and slice the carrot and onion and put them into a pan or fish kettle. Add the herbs and salt and put the mackerel on the top, just cover with cold water, bring to the boil and simmer gently until the fish is cooked. Lift it out of the pan, drain well and serve on a hot dish, and serve with butter sauce.

Cocoa Roll

5 eggs, 5 tablespoons sugar, 5 tablespoons cocoa, 1 cup cream. Separate the whites and yolks of the eggs. Into the whites and yolks stir in the sugar and cocoa.

Rich Custard Sauce

Add the stiffly beaten whites and bake on buttered paper for 20 minutes. When baked place on damp cloth and roll. When cold open roll and spread with the whipped following sauce, ¼ cup of hot water, ½ cup sugar, 2 tablespoons of cream butter size of an egg. Cook these ingredients together until the consistency of thick cream. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts.

Breton Soup

1 pound of white haricot beans, 1 large onion, 2 quarts water, 2 oz. of rice, 2 oz. butter, 2 teaspoons chopped parsley, 1 teaspoon of celery seed, pepper and salt. Soak the beans overnight, then simmer them gently in the same water for 3 hours. Rub beans through a wire sieve, return to saucepan, add water or stock, boil up the soup, add the rice and cook for 20 minutes longer. Put in the butter, seasoning, chopped parsley, and celery seed, and serve very hot with croutons. A little ground mace or cinnamon may be added to taste.

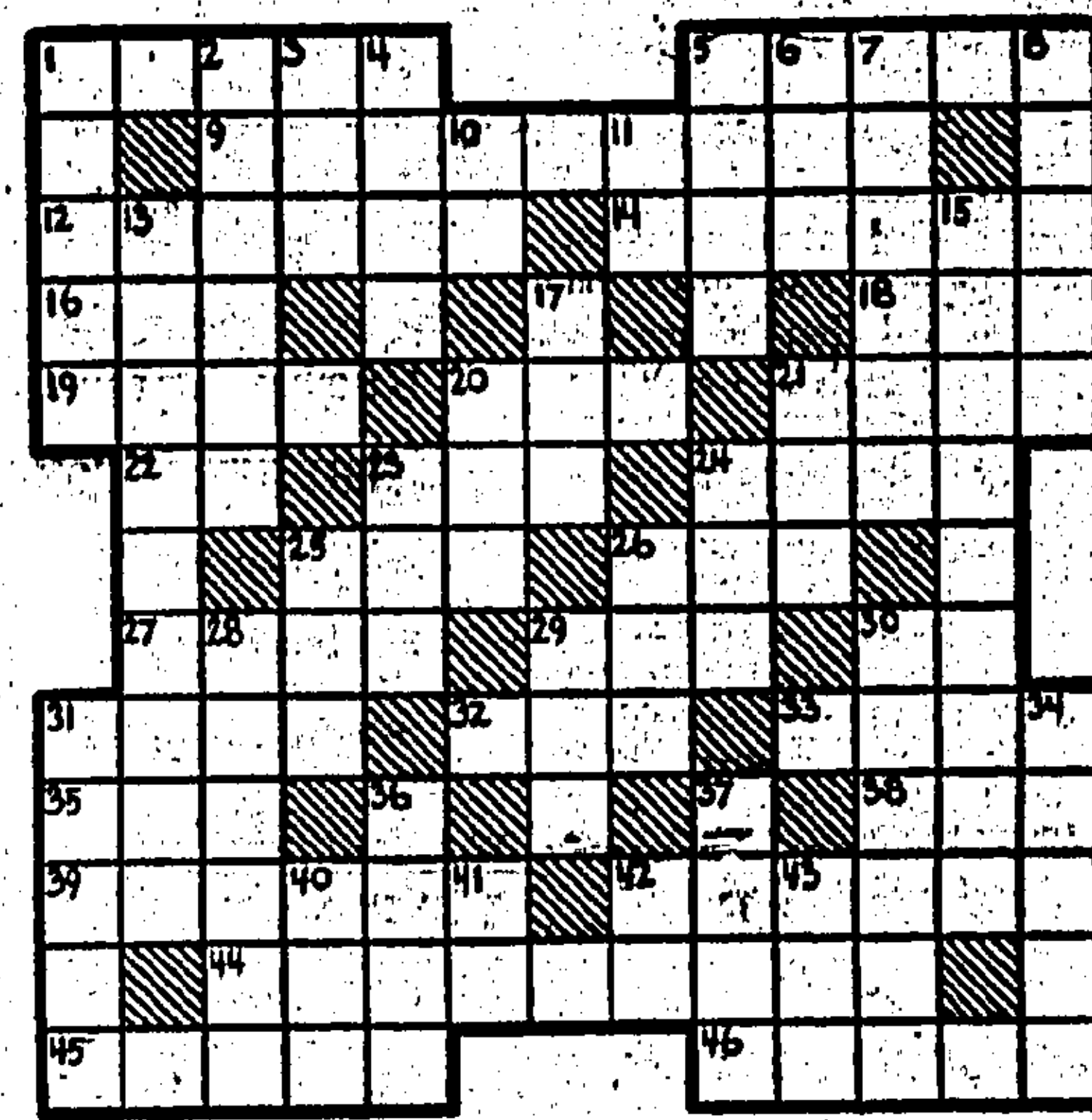


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



HORIZONTAL

1-Cry of a sheep
6-One of the lower animals
9-Creature who tremble
12-Middle
14-More rigid
16-Unit
18-Consumes
19-Trip
20-A sailor (Colloq.)
21-A unit of weight (pl.)
22-Royal Navy (abbr.)
23-A measure of weight
24-Minute particle
26-Bone of the body
28-A fowl
27-Paradise
29-Portion
30-Indefinite article
31-Heavenly body
32-Permit
33-American (abbr.)
35-Fasten

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

38-Chemical suffix used in naming enzymes
39-Approach
42-A bracket candlestick
44-Placed in a shrine
45-Swell
46-Rub out

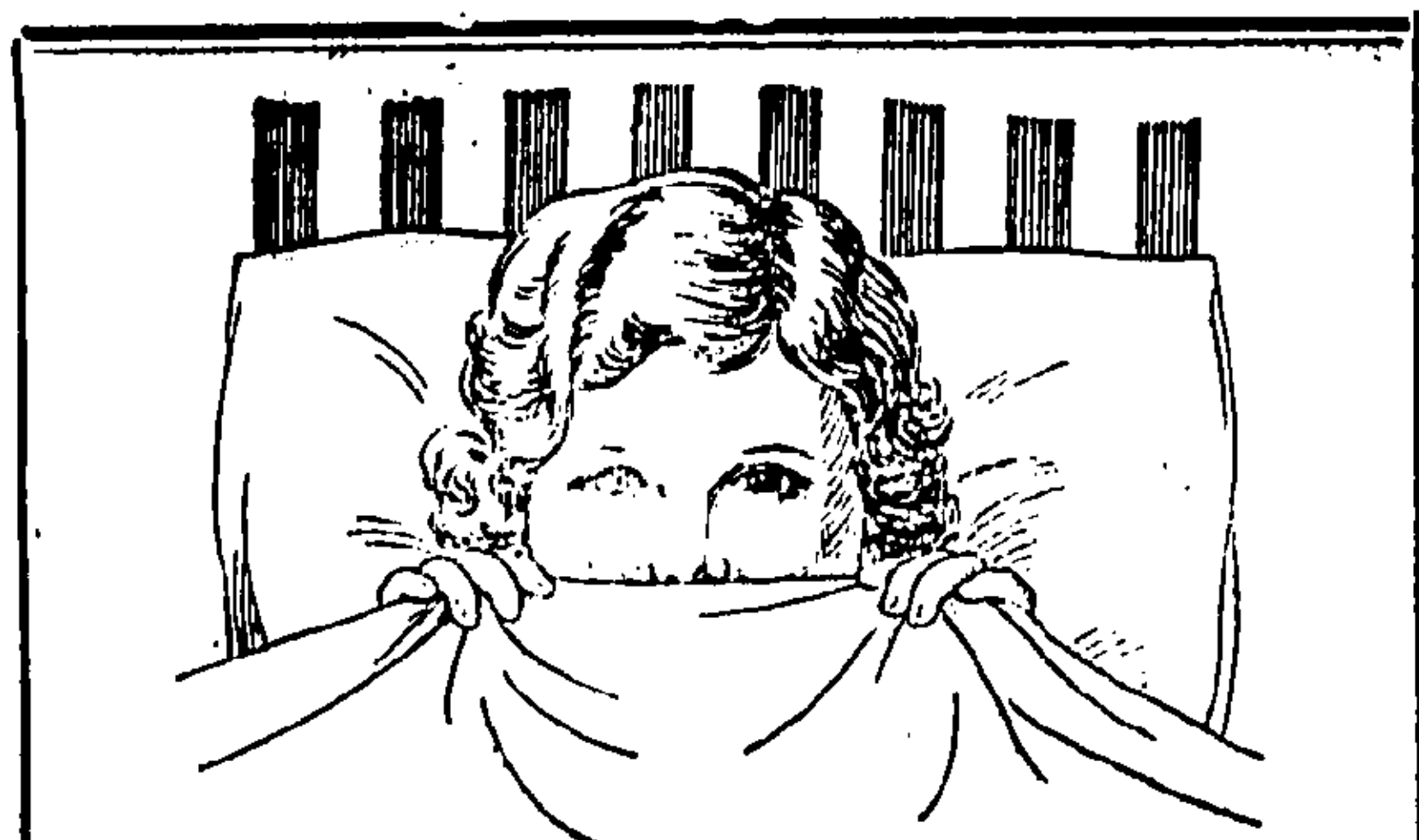
VERTICAL

1-Part of a cured pig
2-Pertaining to Etna
3-Skill
4-A gull-like bird
5-Existed
6-Eagle
7-A firm
8-A pastry (pl.)
10-Pronoun
11-Lieutenant (abbr.)
13-Having energy
15-Earnestness

VERTICAL (Cont.)

17-Interdict
18-Consumes
20-Summit
21-Eternity
22-A metal
24-Joined
25-Pronoun
26-Very warm
28-One who glides rhythmically
29-Guide
30-Girl's name
31-Sexes
34-To pass, as a rope through a hole (Naut.)
36-Feminine suffix (Pl.)
37-A skin disease
40-One of the British Isles (abbr.)
41-Shilling (abbr.)
42-Musical note
43-Over (Post)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.



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BRIDGE NOTES
CONTRACT BRIDGE
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XXI
(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding).
(Continued)

WORLD OLYMPIC HANDS
The study of normal hands which have been actually dealt in recent competitions, with explanatory remarks on the bidding and play, is one of the best means of improving one's game. The two following hands were played in the World Olympic Series. They should be dealt as shown below and the bidding studied bid by bid. Further study of the play of the hand will then show how closely the bidding is linked up with the actual playing of the hand and the certainty with which the specific bid is called and made.—or lost.

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
NORTH:—
S—A 9 8 7 6 4
H—8 4 3
D—A Q
C—K 6

WEST:—
S—K 10
H—A K Q J 10 5
D—4 2
C—8 5 2

SOUTH:—
S—Q J 3
H—8 6
D—K J 10 9
C—Q J 10 7

EAST:—
S—5 2
H—7 2
D—8 7 6 5 3
C—A 9 4 2

The bidding:—
North East South West
1 S—1 No bid 2 S—2 3 Hearts 3
3 S—4 No bid 4 S—5 No bid
No bid No bid

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4A strong bid than a mere rebid without an intervening bid. Should West pass, an immediate raise to "Four Spades" by North would be justified.

5With a sound raise in the beginning South must accept his partner's invitation for game.

The play:—
East's natural opening is the 7 of Hearts, the highest card of his partner's bid suit. West wins the first two tricks and is now confronted with a defensive problem. One heart is still missing, but is easily placed in North's hand as East played the deuce to the second trick. From declarer's bidding and the exposed dummy, it is obvious that his partner can hold one trick at the most. The only chance in defeating the contract lies, therefore, in establishing a trump trick. This can be done if one of the honours can be driven out of dummy. To trick three West's proper lead is the 5 of Hearts, forcing partner to trump.

When North plays the 9, East should trump with the 5 of Spades, forcing the Knave or Queen out of dummy. This establishes a trump tenace for West, and declarer cannot avoid the loss of a Spade and a Club trick, being defeated by one trick.

East, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
NORTH:—
S—K 10 9 7 2
H—A K 5
D—A K 4
C—7 2

WEST:—
S—6 5 4
H—Q J 10 9 2
D—J 8 7
C—10 8

SOUTH:—
S—J 8
H—8 7 6 5
D—9 6 5
C—A K 4 3

EAST:—
S—A Q 3
H—4
D—Q 10 8 2
C—Q J 9 4 3

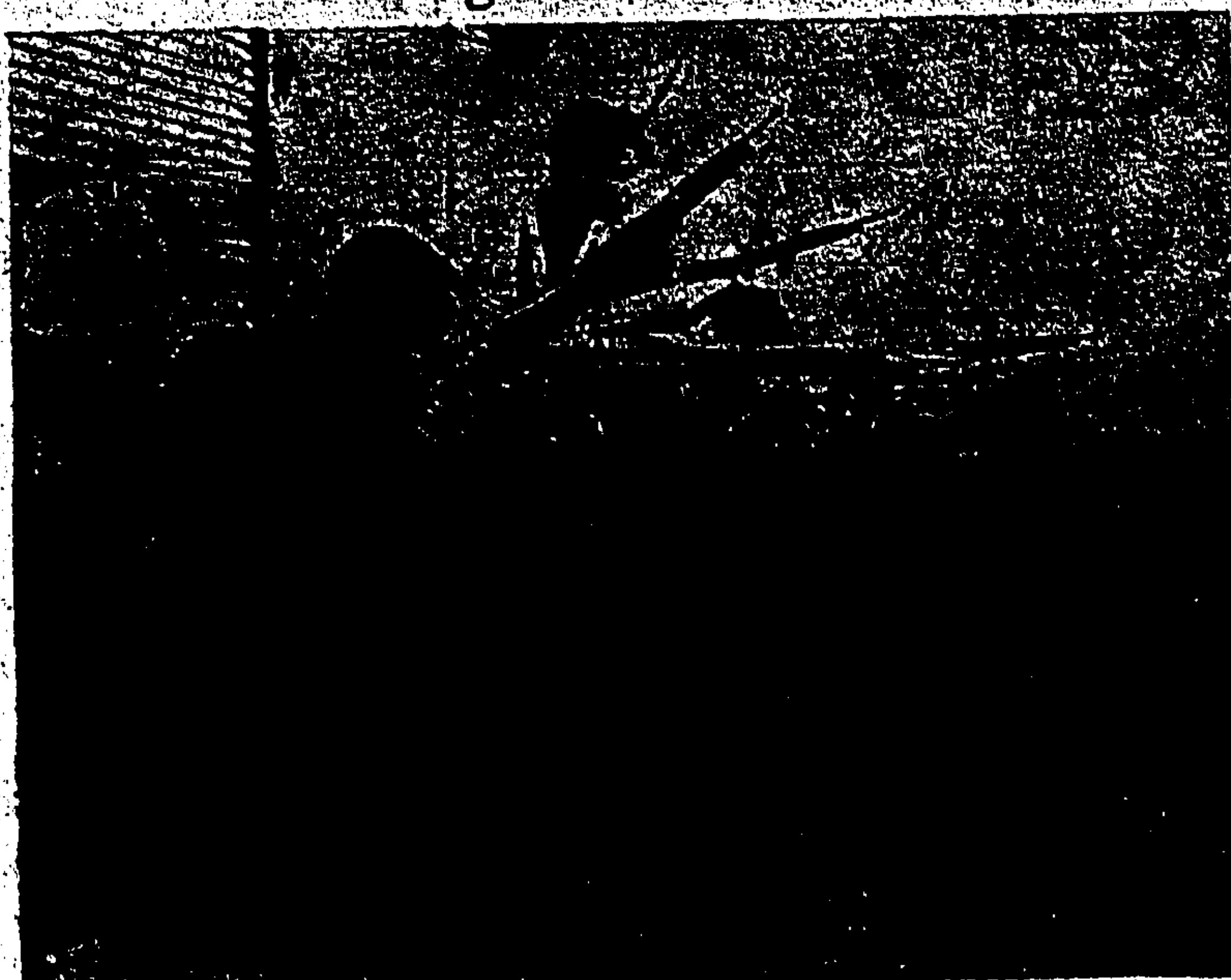
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Action During Recent Cuban Outbreak

This warlike picture was made during the recent party on Alcazar Fort, rebel stronghold. The forces of revolution in turbulent Cuba. The squad of troops held out until Cuban warships bombarded it. Fifteen are Federal troops who were in the attacking. Between 150 and 200 persons lost their lives.

RADIO**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.s):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.15 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room by courtesy of the Management. (During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Selections by the Cheero Band.
4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese programme
9.45 p.m.—Children's Concert.
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7.30 p.m.—
Band—
The Gay Nineties—Waltz Medley, Dobrov Somers Band.

Band—
The Big Broadcast—Selection, Dobrov Somers Band with the Carlyle Cousins and Dan Donovan.

Orchestral—
Daly's Theatre Waltz Memories, Charles Prentice & His Orch.

Orchestral—A Musical Jig-Saw, Regal Cinema Orchestra.

Band—
Marching with Sousa, Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Octet—
A Venetian Barcarolle (arr. Willoughby).

Orchestral—
J. H. Squire Celeste Coter.

Symphonic Rhapsody on "I Pity my Lonely Caravan" (Coates and Horvy).

Symphonic Rhapsody on "I Heard You Singing" and "Bird Songs at Eventide" (Coates).

Eric Coates & Symphony Orchestra.

Band—
The Jolly Robbers—Overture (Suppe).

The B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

Orchestral—
What's Next? (arr. Finck).

Herman Finck & His Orchestra.

Columbia on Parade
9-9.30 p.m.—Mr. A. J. Allen will talk on "My Adventures in Chislehurst".

9.30-10.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by The Cheero Band.

Programme:
1. Forty-Second Street
2. Hiawatha's Lullaby
3. Oh! Mister Carpenter
4. Night and Day
5. Hold Me
6. I Raised My Hat
7. Reflections in the Water
8. Are You Making Any Money?
9. You're Getting to be a Habit with Me
10. Dancing Butterfly
11. The Song is You
12. Fit as a Fiddle

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.
Should reception prove satisfactory, the programme between 5 and 6 p.m. will be replaced by a relay from Daventry.

4 The hand is too strong to let partner's weak response discourage him.

5 South now uses his rebid.

The play:—
West's natural opening is the Queen of Hearts, which is won by the King in dummy. Declarer must immediately lead a small No bid. No bid. No bid. No bid.

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Maurice Chevalier Sued

\$2,090 Damages In Car Accident.

SEQUEL TO COLLISION

Los Angeles.
A suit for \$10,450 (\$2,090) damages has been filed against Maurice Chevalier, by Mr. Charles Miller, a cook, and Mr. Jack Dyer, an actor, in connexion with a motor car accident last September.

The plaintiffs allege that they were injured when their car, driven by Mr. Miller, was struck by another, owned by a car company. They stated that the car was under the control of Maurice Chevalier although his friend, Mr. Robert Spencer, was driving.

—Reuter.

SIMPLE WEDDING CAMPAIGN

False Conventionalities Deplored By Author.

TOO MUCH FEASTING

Paris.
A crusade for "simpler wedding" has been launched by M. Paul Reboux, the French novelist. He would forbid all wining, dining and speech-making, declaring that such "absurd and hypocritical customs" are the worst preparation for wedded bliss.

With caustic wit he satirises the average French wedding, at which the guests eat and drink too much and utter meaningless compliments while the bridal couple get more and more bored and embarrassed.

"In the interest of family life and to reduce the business of the divorce courts," he says, "we must remove all these false conventionalities."—Reuter.

FINNISH OFFICER MISSING

Bolts Over Border Into Russia.

FORMER BOOT-BLACK

Helsingfors.

The disappearance of a young Finnish staff-officer across the Russian frontier is still causing deep concern here.

The officer, Staff-Lieutenant Penttikanen enjoyed the full confidence of his superiors. Just before his alleged flight he acted as Officer-on-Night-Duty at General Staff headquarters.

Yet he appears to have acted strangely on that night, and 48 hours later to have driven alone from Helsingfors to the frontier, a distance of about 200 miles.

A rifle, a military pistol and 600 cartridges were seen to be collected in his car.

Were these for use had anybody attempted to interfere with his escape?

Did Staff-Lieutenant Penttikanen take important military documents with him into Soviet Russia. And if so, how many?

These questions are troubling the mind of the Finnish public.

The trust officer's superiors maintain a stony silence. They neither deny nor confirm the report that military documents of a very delicate nature are missing.

His comrades nicknamed Staff-Lieutenant Penttikanen "The Bolshevik" owing to his rather curious political leanings. In spite of the trust reposed in him it had been reported lately that he was spending rather more than his salary appeared to justify.

Fifteen years ago he was a Helsingfors bootblack. Then he became a farm-labourer. But he was always very ambitious and read voraciously so that he was able to make himself useful in many directions after entering the army.

He specialised in photography and showed such ability that he was eventually attached to the General Staff.

"From bootblack to General Staff Officer" is a career that suggests a man of character. Could Staff-Lieutenant Penttikanen also betray his country?—Reuter.



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SPORTING Page

CHINA TO MEET WALES IN INTERNATIONAL SOCCER FINAL

STAMINA MAY DETERMINE FINAL MATCH

Tay Quee-Liang Worth Interport.

TAM KONG PAK MAY BE IN DEFENCE

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

THE final of the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition between China and Wales will be played on Easter Monday, April 2, on the Club ground commencing at 3.30 p.m.

After Monday's and yesterday's exhibitions of football by the finalists one can look forward to what will probably prove a fitting climax to the 1933-34 soccer season and one of the outstanding games of the year.

Wales have thoroughly deserved their success, although I must admit I did not think they would survive against England.

They, however, showed themselves to be masters of the situation and have justly earned the right to meet Portugal's successors in the Final.

China gave a magnificent exhibition yesterday in spite of being without a vital factor in their defence, Li Tin-sang, who was an enforced absentee.

Tay Quee-liang, who has played in Inter-State games in Malaya, has since his arrival in the Colony, come into the soccer limelight with some amazing displays. His exhibition yesterday when he made both A. V. Gosano and Beltrao novices should have given the Interport Selectors something to think about.

Now that Wong Mel-shun is out of the game, Tay would make a very good substitute, although he has not the weight and tackle of Wong.

Yesterday's China team was about 80 per cent below their usual strength, and I think that when Wales meets the complete China eleven it will be only a matter of stamina.

With all their forwards available China could make excellent use of Tam Kong-pak in defence, where his brilliance yesterday was an outstanding factor in the defeat of Portugal.

Leung Wing-chui played the game of his life yesterday, and his place in next year's Interport team is almost a certainty.

Another brilliant performance yesterday was provided by Wong Wing, the South China custodian, whose daring in melees and the manner in which he dealt with high balls was masterly.

I can think of no better substitute for George Rodger than Wong Wing, and I am almost sure he will be included in the Interport team in the absence of George Rodger.

CHINESE TO MEET COLONY TEAM

Charity Game Fixed For New Year's Day.

CHINESE TEAM SELECTED

A CHARITY Football game in aid of the Children's Play-ground Fund between the Chinese and the Rest of the Colony will be played on New Year's Day on the Club ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Chinese, have already made their selection which is as follows:—Pau Ka-ping (S.C.A.A.), Leung In-chun (S.C.A.A.) and Mak Sui-bon (C.A.A.); Ho Chor-yin (C.A.A.), Leung Wing-chui (S.C.A.A.) and Lee Kwok-wai (S.C.A.A.); Tang Kwong-sun (C.A.A.), Au Kim-fung (C.A.A.), Ho Kar-kung (C.A.A.), Tay Quee-liang (S.C.A.A.) and Fung King-yu (C.A.A.).

Reserves:—Tong, Kwan and Wong Wing (S.C.A.A.).

SMASHING TRIUMPH OVER PORTUGAL

TAY QUEE LIANG PLAYS MAGNIFICENT GAME

WINNERS FIELD WEAKENED SIDE

(By Spot Kick.)

CHINA, holders of the "Sunday Herald" International Soccer Charity Cup, qualified to meet Wales in the Final Round when they won their tie against Portugal by 5 goals to 2 on the Club ground yesterday.

AFTER a fairly even first half in which China led by 2 goals to 1, the Cup-holders attacked continuously, outplaying Portugal. A somewhat lucky goal proved the turning point of the game, for, after Portugal had equalised in the second half, the exchanges were fairly even until owing to a misunderstanding between R. Marques and V. Marques a weak shot from Mak Sui Hon was allowed to roll into the net. From that period Portugal were penned in their half of the field and compelled to concentrate on defence.

Several changes were made in China's team, notable absentees being Li Tin-sang, Ho Ka-keung and Fung King-cheong, their places being filled by Tam Kong-pak, Tay Quee-liang and Au Kim-fung respectively. Tam played a sparkling game at left back, and made an admirable partner to Leung In-chun.

The performance of Tay must have pleased the selectors, for, together with Au Kim-fung, he was responsible for the majority of the goals.

The lightning passes of these two players often left Portugal's defence spread-eagled. Leung Wing-chui gave a great display, and the way he shadowed A. V. Gosano must have been very disconcerting to Portugal's leader. Leung was always in close attendance, and usually came off best in a duel for the ball. Li Kwok-wai also played policeman to B. Gosano, with the result that the latter very seldom had a clear run, although he showed a clean pair of heels several times.

Portugal Make Change Portugal made one change, Ribiero coming in at outside left in the place of Gonsalves. Beltrao was the outstanding man on the losing side, and fed his wings with splendid passes, never wasting a ball, and proving a tower of strength in defence. Elms played a good hard game, but was playing behind the weak line in Portugal's team, and his passes went begging.

The brothers Gosano were too well watched to be dangerous, while Ward was well below form, excepting for one brilliant effort.

Rocha and Ribiero, the left wing pair, could do nothing right, and during the second half seldom saw the ball.

China Open Scoring Following an exceptionally clever short passing movement, when the ball was never held for even a split second, Mak Sui-hon tapped the ball back to AU KIM FUNG, who scored with a fast shot.

Whilst the crowd were still applauding the effort, the ball was swept down the field and in less than thirty seconds, WARD equalised with a glorious drive from the edge of the penalty area. Shortly before the interval, another clever movement resulted in China taking the lead. AU received in midfield, neatly tricked Beltrao, passed to Tay and darted forward to gather Tay's return pass, and beat Marques with a lightning effort.

Continuing to fighting back in the second half, Portugal made a determined raid, and from B. Gosano's centre Ward shot hard and true, but before the ball could enter the net a defender's hand intervened. From the ensuing penalty, taken by A. V. Gosano, Portugal once more drew level.

Turning Point Of Game Then came the turning point of the game. During an attack on the

INTERPORT SELECTORS ABSENTEES

One Out Of Four At Internationals.

SOUTH CHINA PLAYERS MISS THEIR TRAIN

Record Gate At Yesterday's "Sunday Herald" Cup Game

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

ONLY one member of the four on the Interport Selection Committee was present at the two Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Semi-finals played on the Club ground on Monday and yesterday.

This astounding fact was vouchered for several leading soccer enthusiasts who hardly ever miss a prominent official at any one of these outstanding games.

These "Sunday Herald" games should afford the Selectors with the best possible opportunity of selecting their probable team.

Messrs. Jardine Matheson's will be given an opportunity to avenge their defeat at the hands of a scratch Club eleven when the two teams meet again to-morrow on the Club ground.

Li Tin-sang, South China's right full-back, and Fung King-cheong, South China's leader of the forwards, missed the Hong Kong Express at Canton yesterday morning and were unable to get to Hong Kong in time for the Sunday Herald game against Portugal.

A quick selection was made and Tay Quee-liang was brought into the inside-right position. Tam Kong-pak falling back into the defence to fill the vacancy caused by Li's absence. This move played a big part in China's brilliant win over Portugal.

Au Kim-fung of the Athletic was brought in to fill Fung's vacancy and gave one of the finest performances in attack seen on the Club ground for many years.

His combination and understanding with Tay Quee-liang was superb and between them they schemed the first two goals against Portugal.

Li and Fung were not the only players who failed to make an appearance. Gonsalves, who should have filled the outside left position for Portugal, was laid up with a bad attack of malaria, his place being taken by Barretto (Recreio), who failed badly.

On Monday England were without several men, Allen the right back failing to make an appearance, while Gough (Police), Smith (Navy) and Pardoe (Artillery), who were selected as reserves, were also absentees.

When Allen failed to make an appearance the England Selectors were at their wits' ends as to who would fill the right back position. They decided to ask Yeomans, who although only a spectator, kindly consented to play.

F. Nicholl, the former Kowloon Juniors goalkeeper who gave a very promising display for Jardine Matheson's, against the Club recently, has been signed on for the latter and will probably make his debut on Saturday.

Fernandez, St. Joseph's reserve left-winger, has not yet quite recovered from his injury received in the League match last week and will probably be rested this week. Rabhan, the Saints' left winger who has been ill for some time, has

Navy Favoured For Lai Wah Cup

Consistent Form Augurs Well For First Win

HOWE TO LEAD CIVILIANS' LINE

(By OUTSIDE LEFT)

THE final of the Lai Wah Cup Knock-Out Competition between the Civilians and the Royal Navy takes place on Saturday on the Club ground, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Judging from the two First Round encounters, Saturday's game should prove one of the best of the season.

The final should have been played on March 9, but as the Navy will be weakened by the departure of several of H.M. ships before January 9, the game was brought forward to this Saturday, and all the First Division League games transferred to March 9.

This move will give the Navy selectors an opportunity of putting out their best possible side in an attempt to secure the Trophy for the first time.

The Civilians' side has already been selected as follows:—

McHardy (Police); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's) and S. Strange (Club); L. G. Robertson (Club); N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's) and S. Bliss (Kowloon); S. Gosano (St. Joseph's); A. Ward (St. Joseph's); Howe, E. Strange and Dickford (Club).

Howe, the Club's centre forward replaces Elliott at centre forward. Gosano's inclusion in the defence will certainly strengthen it, while, Bliss, though not my ideal selection for the left half position, should prove an obstacle to the Navy's attack.

Howe, having two excellent flank formations can be depended to make the openings for his inside men and to take any opportunities provided for him.

Ward gave a rousing display in yesterday's Sunday Herald Cup encounter for Portugal, his snap goal completely baffling Wong Wing.

Robertson's task this Saturday will be to stem the attack from the Navy's dangerous left winger, Skinner, who together with Barnett will form the wedge of the Navy attack. Bliss, on the other hand, will have to keep a sharp look-out on the Smith and Hudspeth partnership.

recovered and hopes to play in a fortnight.

I was informed that Ip Pak-wa, who was severely ill from typhoid fever, has now passed the critical stage and is progressing favourably. He will not play football again this season.

Fortey heads the goal-scorers in the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition with five goals, securing a "hat-trick" against England on Monday. He is now a First Division player, having been promoted from the Second Division at the close of last season.

Clark of the Lincoln leads the three divisions of the League in the goal-scoring list with a total of 23 goals.

Yesterday's crowd at the Sunday Herald semi-final between China and Portugal was the biggest seen on the ground for the last four years, with the exception of the Interport contests.

Charity will benefit to the extent of \$8,146.70, the net takings at yesterday's game. This is also a record for the past four years, the previous highest total being returned in 1930 when Portugal won the Cup for the first time.

Boas's reminiscence of Cup Tie football followed the final whistle, the victorious Chinese players being escorted to the field to their dressing room at Caroline Hill by an enormous crowd.



League Goal Scorers To Date

Athletic Inside Forward Leads First Division

CLARK REACHES 23

(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

THE following is a complete League goal-scoring list to date, the qualification being four goals:

FIRST DIVISION.

Ho Ka Keung (Athletic)	11
Wong Mel Shun (S. China)	9
Fowler (Club)	8
Howe (Club)	8
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	8
Ridley (Lincoln)	8
Tam Kong Pak (S. China)	8
B. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	7
Higgins (Lincoln)	7
Green (Police)	7
Langmead (Navy)	7
Harlewood (Borderers)	7
Porter (Borderers)	7
Pau Ka Ping (S. China)	6
Au Ping Ming (Athletic)	6
McGulness (Lincoln)	6
Jones (Borderers)	5
Elliott (Kowloon)	5
L. Harris (Borderers)	5
Ward (St. Joseph's)	5
E. Strange (Club)	5
Smith (Navy)	4
An Kim Fung (Athletic)	4
Stevens (Police)	4

SECOND DIVISION.

McNeil (Navy)	11
Duncan (Club)	11
Fortey (Borderers)	9
Morris (Borderers)	8
Tate (Lincoln)	7
Herbert (Borderers)	7
Chappell (Navy)	7
Ng Po Kai (S. China)	6
Hamed (Y. Indians)	6
Ellsworth (Navy)	6
Lai Sui Wing (S. China)	6
Marshallfield (Borderers)	6
Setters (Lincoln)	6
Barnett (Navy)	6
A. M. Omar (Y. Indians)	4
Bell (Club)	4
Clayton (Lincoln)	4
Fairless (Navy)	4

THIRD DIVISION.

Clark (Lincoln)	23
Parcell (Borderers)	15
Morgan (Borderers)	13
Nelson (Borderers)	13
Campos (Recreio)	12
Poole (R.A.M.C.)	9
Harper (Lincoln)	9
To Wai Hing (S. China)	8
Mathews (Lincoln)	8
Dudley (Lincoln)	8
Kinn (R.A.M.C.)	8
Setters (Lincoln)	4
Gregory (R.A.P.)	4

Owing to heavy pressure on to-day's sport columns.

SCRUM HALFS LOCAL RUGBY NOTES

will appear in to-morrow's editions of The China Mail

Home Soccer Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION										THIRD DIVISION (South)									
Goals										Goals									
P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts				P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Arsenal	22	14	5	3	41	20	28	108		Norwich	20	12	4	3	48	29	29		
Huddersfield	22	11	4	7	51	34	29	102		Queen's P. R.	20	12	4	4	40	21	28		
Derby	22	11	4	7	41	22	28	102		Reading	20	11	5	4	45	25	28		
Tottenham	22	11	7	4	38	25	28	102		Covey	20	10	4	6	40	27	26		
Manchester C.	22	10	6	6	31	32	28	102		Charlton	22	11	7	2	40	32	24		
Middlesboro	21	11	9	1	41	42	28	102		Exeter	22	10	8	4	41	41	24		
W. Brownhill	21	9	7	5	34	28	28	102		Swindon	20	9	7	4	29	34	22		
Wolves	22	9	8	5	46	61	28	102		Luton	22	8	8	6	44	40	22		
Portsmouth	22	8	7	7	27	23	28	102		Bristol R.	20	10	7	3	38	37	21		
Sunderland	21	9	8	4	44	20	28	102		Crystal P.	21	8	8	5	37	34	21		
Blackburn	22	9	9	4	42	45	28	102		Aldershot	20	6	8	6	20	24	20		
Aston Villa	22	9	11	2	44	20	28	102		Northampton	20	7	8	5	37	39	19		
Wednesday	21	9	10	2	34	37	20	102		Brighton	21	7	9	5	33	31	19		
Newcastle	22	6	8	8	33	43	20	102		Torquay	20	8	10	2	26	46	18		
Everton	21	7	8	6	35	36	20	102		Bournemouth	20	7	9	4	38	42	18		
Leeds	21	7	9	5	34	37	19	102		Watford	22	7	11	4	41	35	18		
Birmingham	21	5	7	9	24	22	19	102		Clapton	22	6	12	5	29	44	17		
Liverpool	22	7	11	4	39	44	21	102		Newport	20	4	7	9	20	29	17		
Leicester	21	6	10	5	31	34	17	102		Gillingham	20	6	10	4	35	48	16		
Stoke	22	5	10	7	23	44	17	102		Southend	20	6	10	4	22	32	16		
Sheff. U.	22	6	12	4	28	53	15	102		Bristol C.	20	3	12	5	28	34	14		
Chelsea	21	4	14	3	27	47	11	102		Cardiff	20	5	12	3	28	50	13		
SECOND DIVISION										THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)									
Goals										Goals									
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Preston	22	11	6	5	48	29	27	102		Stockport	20	12	4	4	45	25	28		
Blackpool	22	10	6	6	35	26	28	102		Walsley	21	12	7	2	44	26	29		
Port Vale	22	11	8	3	30	28	25	102		Barnsley	20	11	5	4	30	35	25		
West Ham	22	8	8	6	45	35	24	102		Tranmere	20	10	6	4	35	34	22		
Bolton	21	11	7	1	35	24	28	102		Hull	20	9	7	4	34	34	22		
Bremford	22	9	8	5	47	46	23	102		Halifax	20	10	8	1	44	33	23		
Plymouth	22	9	9	4	42	35	24	102		Doncaster	20	10	7	3	44	33	23		
Barnford	22	9	10	3	42	45	25	102		Barnsley	21	8	7	6	45	45	22		
Fulham	22	8	9	5	47	34	22	102		Croydon	21	8	9	5	37	42	20		
Woolv. F.	22	8	8	6	34	29	22	102		Accrington	20	7	8	5	29	44	19		
Hull	22	8	8	6	34	29	22	102		Rotherham	19	7	9	4	26	34	18		
Oldham	22	8	8	6	30	28	25	102		Chastor	20	7	9	4	47	25	18		
Bradford C.	21	10	10	1	33	35	21	102		York	20	7	9	4	29	28	18		
Southampton	22	9	10	3	34	24	21	102		Gatehead	20	6	8	6	44	44	16		
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LARGE IMPRESSES AT K.C.C.

Stapleton and Ernie Fincher
Put On 121 Runs

(BY ATHLETE)

A steady innings by Lt. Larkin (76 not out) and hurricane hitting by Lt. Comdr. Browning (41 not out) was responsible for the Navy beating the Kowloon Cricket Club by 3 wickets at the K.C.C. yesterday.

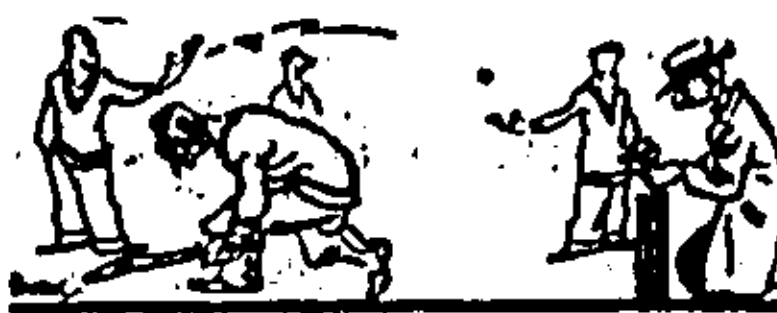
Missed at silly point off G. C. Burnett before he had scored Larkin gave two other chances in his 76 out of 186. Once he had settled down, however, he scored all round the wicket, his driving being the feature of an attractive innings. He was missed at 0, 19 and 40 and hit eleven boundaries. Coming in at 146 for 7 when there seemed little chance of a Naval triumph Browning set about the bowling in a spirited manner to score 41 in the undefeated match-winning eighth wicket partnership of 67. He hit Burnett for a 6 and a 5 and included four boundaries in his knock.

Teddy Fincher made a sporting declaration at 209 for 6, giving the Navy just under 2½ hours to get the runs.

C. I. Stapleton (51) and E. F. Fincher (78) added 121 for the second K.C.C. wicket, Stapleton scoring his runs out of 126 and Fincher his 78 out of 141.

Ernie Fincher's Bright Knock

Stapleton, after giving a chance off A. B. Large at 10, gave his best display of the season, hitting seven boundaries in a painstaking innings featured by neat leg shots. Fincher batted very attractively



for his 50, scored out of 78, but steadied down considerably after passing the half century. Revealing his square cut to advantage and driving through the covers he hit eleven boundaries. He very nearly recorded the "hat trick" when he dismissed Lt. Holland-Martin and Sub-Lt. Cheyne with successive balls and then just shaved Browning's wicket with his third ball.

Passed over by the Army selectors, Major Bonavia scored 34 out of 63 in very convincing manner.

A. B. Large bowled extraordinarily well for his 4 for 67, his first spell of eight overs producing one wicket for 18 runs. He took his remaining three wickets in his third spell for 37 runs.

A medium fast left-hander who sends down a dangerous in-swing, even with an old ball, Large should take a number of wickets in the Triangular Tournament.

He is playing for the Navy in their debut match against the Army today.

K.C.C.: 209 for 6 dec. (C. I. Stapleton 51, E. F. Fincher 78, A. B. Large 4 for 67).
Navy: 218 for 7 (Lt. Larkin 76, not out, Lt. Comdr. Browning 41 not out, G. C. Burnett 4 for 80).

R. LEE 6 FOR 46.

Married Beat Single At Craigengower.

Despite excellent bowling by R. Lee, the Craigengower skipper, the Married eleven beat the Single eleven by 3 wickets in the annual Craigengower Cricket Club match at the Valley, yesterday.

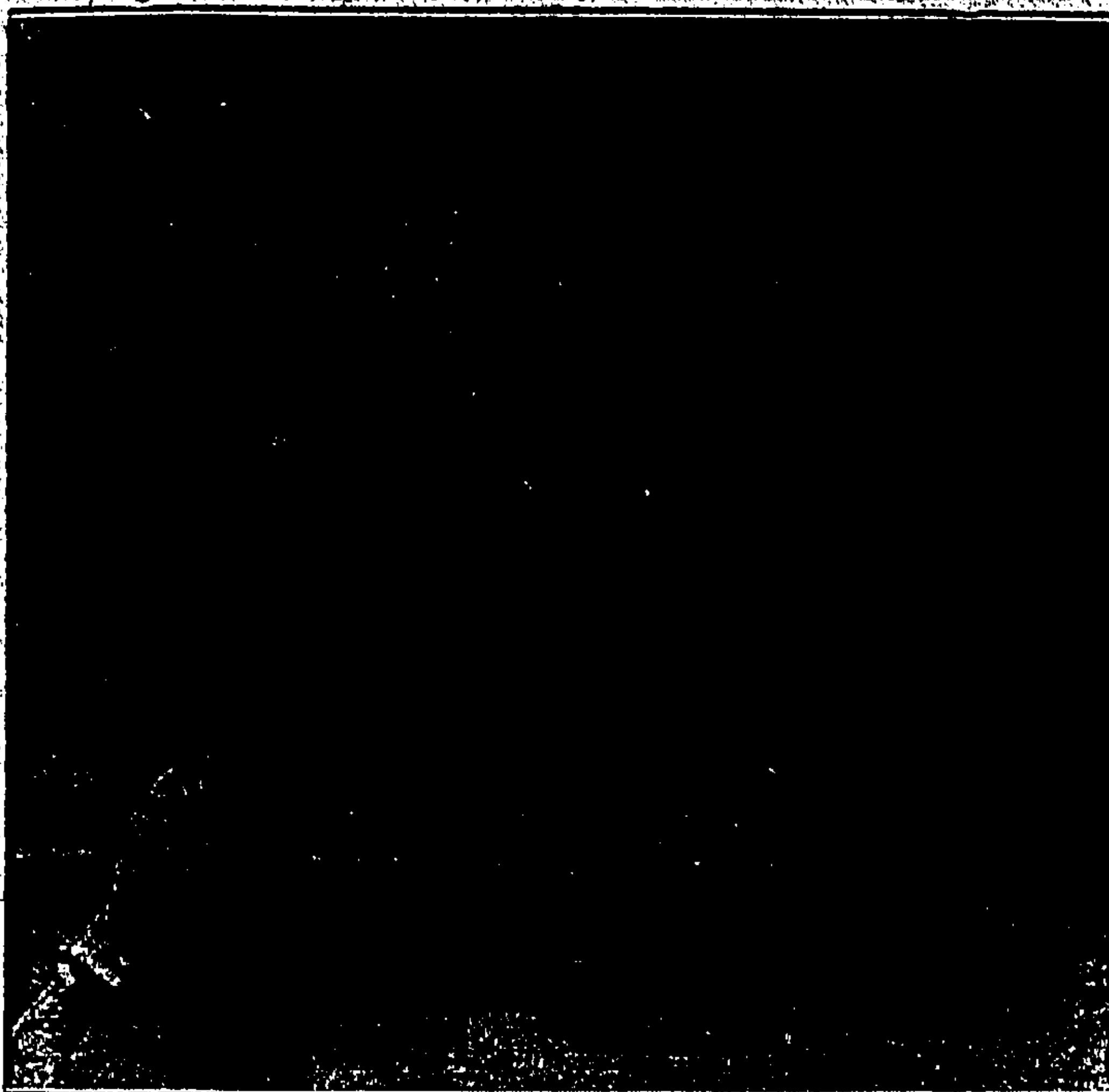
Scores:
Single:—
A. T. Lee, b Omar 29
F. K. Lee, c Hubbard, b Way 7
E. Zimmerman, lbw, b Way 5
R. Lee, b Omar 11
S. Abbas, b Way 0
F. R. Zimmerman, b Omar 0
E. Souza, b Omar 0
F. A. Broadbridge, not out 11
N. Broadbridge, not out 11

Married:—
J. L. Youngs, b R. Lee 32
A. Kitchell, b R. Lee 28
T. E. Yeoh, b R. Lee 12
C. W. Lam, c R. Lee, b A. T. Lee 12
Y. Abbas, b R. Lee 0
U. M. Omar, c R. Lee, b A. T. Lee 0
E. C. Barry, c b R. Lee 8
W. K. Way, not out 1
L. Hubbard, c F. K. Lee, b R. Lee 7
A. Lewis, not out 1
F. Lee, b S. Abbas 1
Extras 16

Bowling Analysis:
O. M. R. W.
A. T. Lee 15 2 31 2
R. Lee 12 1 48 6
F. K. Lee 9 1 20 0
S. Abbas 2 1 5 1
E. Zimmerman 1 0 5 0

Extras:—
Byes 1
Legs 1
Balls 1
Total 3

As Ross Successfully Defended Titles



A dangerous left hook, aimed by Sammy Fuller (left) at Ross, ducking under the punch, is holder of the welterweight title. Fuller made a gallant bout between Fuller and Barney Ross at Chicago. Attempt to dethrone him, but Barney is still king.

ALEC PEARCE WINS GAME FOR CLUB

Scores 67 And Takes
9 For 37.

ARMY LOSE BY INNINGS

Crippled by the absence of Capt. P. V. Williams, owing to injury, and the fact that Lt. Garthwaite had damaged his foot, the Army proved no match for the Club in the opening match of the Triangular Tournament series, losing by an innings and 28 runs at the H.K.C.C. yesterday.

The Club lost their remaining seven wickets for 104 runs yesterday, only a determined stand by T. A. Pearce (67) and I. McInnes (40) saving the Club from a collapse in the face of the wiles of C. S. M. Elwin, a promising left-hander. The pair added 44 for the seventh wicket.

Requiring 130 to save the innings defeat the Army were dismissed by T. A. Pearce (5 for 26) for 102.

Pearce, besides scoring 67 before being snuffed up behind the wicket off Dr. Whitley, took 9 for 37 in the course of the match.

Weather permitting the Army will meet the Navy on the H. K. C. C. ground to-day in the second match of the series.



Bowling Analysis:

O. M. R. W.
Omar 15 4 28 4
Hubbard 9 2 38 1
Way 6 2 22 3
Lam 2 0 6 0
Abbas 2 0 8 1

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L. Hubbard, c F. K. Lee, b R. Lee 7
A. Lewis, not out 1
F. Lee, b S. Abbas 1
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China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY.
Cricket—Triangular Tournament.
Royal Navy v. Army
(H.K.C.C. ground, at 11 a.m.)
Hockey.
Hong Kong Hockey Club seniors v. Y.M.C.A. (at 5 p.m.)

TO-MORROW
Billiards—Steel Coalson League.
C. & P.O.'s Club v. Royal Engineers
Royal Artillery v. Palace Club
Garrison Sergeants v. St. Patrick's
Cricket—Triangular Tournament.
Royal Navy v. Army
(H.K.C.C. ground, at 11 a.m.)

FRIDAY
Chess—Kowloon Chess Club
Championship, Senior.
Lieut. H. Beaumont v. H. W. Randall
B. W. Paul v. J. C. Faers
A. D. Sequeira v. C. M. Sequeira
P. Yanovich v. B. Boltan
Junior.
U. Santos v. L. Sequeira
F. Evans v. M. Cunliffe
Dr. H. D. Matthews v. Guy Ling
T. E. Parry v. A. J. Birukoff.
Hockey.
H.K.S.R.A. v. H.M.S. Medway Officers
(at 4 p.m.)
H.K. Hockey Club "A" v. H.M.S. Berwick
(at 5 p.m.)
Rialto Sports v. "Incognitos"
(at 5.15 p.m.)

RAZACK'S 15 FOURS IN KNOCK OF '84

A. K. Minu 5 For 15.

Declaring at 151 for 6 wickets, the local staff of the Hong Kong Electric were unlucky not to force a win against the European Staff after having taken nine of their wickets for 82 runs in a friendly cricket encounter at the Indian Recreation Club yesterday afternoon.

I. M. A. Razack was top-scorer for the Staff with an excellent knock of 84, which included 15 boundaries, while A. K. Minu was the most successful bowler, taking 5 wickets for 15 runs.

In Japan, there is only room for the upper classes to play golf, and so it is an unpopular game because it is thought to encourage class distinctions. I like it, but I only play it on Sunday as not to annoy the people, who work all through the week. Mr. Okada, a Japanese cotton delegate.

I think that lawn tennis has reached a turning-point, and it is possible that my decision to turn professional will be a landmark in the evolution of the sport. If this turning-point follows the line which I hope it will, I may be credited with the honour of having anticipated it. Henri Cochet.

East Lancs Band Meet Lincolns Rivals at Sport

(BY IMP.)

THE Bandmen of the East Lancs left their encampment at Sun Wal and spent an enjoyable holiday with the musicians of the Lincolns yesterday in Kowloon.

In the morning, the Chatham Road ground hockey match was played, and a very close encounter resulted in a win for the Lincolns by the odd goal in the second half.

The Lincolns on level terms with the East Lancs, but the latter were victorious in the evening's football match, the East Lancs being defeated by the Lincolns.

Both parties journeyed to the

R.A.S.C. WIN AT SNOOKER

St. Patrick's Beaten
By 53 Points.

BIG WIN FOR OLDFIELD

(By SPOT BALL)

THE Royal Army Service Corps defeated St. Patrick's Club in a friendly Snooker match by 53 points at Garden Road.

St. Patrick's	R.A.S.C.
O'Connor	37 Gray
Oldfield	55 Leach
Remedios	41 Whitley
Glendinning	37 Bycott
Parker	25 Alvis
Dare	28 Trey
	223
	276



CLUB "A" FIFTEEN TO MEET NAVY.

Formidable Combination
Selected.

The following will represent the Club "A" fifteen against a Navy fifteen drawn from the Eagle, Kent and Suffolk, on the Club ground this afternoon commencing at 4.45 p.m.

R. O. F. King; W. Harris-Walker, J. Hutchison, L. G. Robertson and R. H. Griffiths; A. F. Jenkins and H. C. Meeks; G. C. Moutrie (Captain), D. Cartledge, A. F. Walden, R. L. Cherrill, B. H. Carrad, A. K. Munro, N. M. Cochrane and A. H. Harbord.

The score was 8 goals to 1 in favour of the Officers.

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Lt. Comdr. Leigh refereed.

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They led in the first half by a goal scored by Johnson.

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The South Wales Borderers hockey eleven defeated a team from the Y.M.C.A. in a friendly hockey encounter at King's Park yesterday by 2 goals to nil.

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SURPRISE C.B.A. LADIES WIN

The Central British Association Ladies, surprisingly, defeated the St. Andrew's Club Ladies in a hockey match at King's Park yesterday by a goal scored by Miss Marie Beith in the first half.

C.B.A. WIN MAMAK HOCKEY TOURNEY GAME

Medway Give Rousing
Display.

HODGE AND COVEY EXCEL

(BY STICKS)

The Central British Association met with serious opposition for the first time in the Mamak Hockey Tournament when at King's Park yesterday they defeated H.M.S. Medway, conquerors of St. Andrew's, in a fast encounter by 3 goals to nil.

The naval team gave a very good account of themselves and were in no way disgraced.

The Central British had the better of exchanges throughout, but it was not until the final stages of the game that they were able to break through and clinch the game.

Hirst put the C.B.A. in the lead within ten minutes of the start, breaking away in a fine run down the wing to score from an acute angle.

After this setback the Naval team settled down and Hodge, at back, and Covey, at centre-half, gave very good displays.

In the second half the Medway made one or two determined efforts, but Halford and Pole were very sound in defence.

Whitley added the second goal in the last ten minutes of play with a very neat shot in the goalmouth, and Francis netted the third goal soon after in brilliant style, snapping up a pass from the right wing to send in a fast shot which gave Benson no chance.

C.B.A.—G. Moss; S. MacNider and A. Pole; F. W. R. Allen, C. Halford and N. Whitley; W. H. G. Hirst, T. S. D. Whitley, C. G. Francis, W. G. Johnson and J. J. King.

H.M.S. Medway—Benson; Steers, Hodge; Dalton, Covey, Mason; Patterson, Holmes, Tarr, Branch and Toritt.

TABLE TO DATE.

	F	W	D	P	A	Pts
Radio	7	0	0	0	3	14
C. B. A.	7	0	0	0	2	14
Police	5	0	0	0	1	10
St. Andrew's	5	2	0	0	5	6
United	3	2	0	0	5	6
K.T.C.	3	3	0	0	13	6
Medway	0	3	0	0	12	6
R.E.	0	2	3	1	8	5
Mule Corps	0	2	5	1	3	10
12th Battery	0	2	6	0	9	4
R.C. of B.	0	1	2	1	2	4
German Club	0	1	2	0	3	2
9th Battery	0	1	2	1	3	2
R.A.M.C.	0	0	0	0	2	0

Medway Officers Play Lady Champions.

NAVAL SIDE WIN 3-1

The crack H.M.S. Medway Officers eleven entertained the Hong Kong Ladies, winner of the Caer Clark Cup for the last three seasons, in a hockey match on the Naval ground at King's Park yesterday, the game being played more in a friendly spirit than with seriousness.

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TWO UNREGISTERED
MUI TSAISFive Years Without
Registration.

WOMAN FINED \$100

"I thought that the mui tsai question had been well ventilated," remarked Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning on learning that Cheung Yit Kai, a married woman, living at 47 Ship Street, had kept two mui tsais for five years without having registered them.

Sub-Inspector Fraser, prosecuting on summonses for failing to register Leung So, aged 15, and Cheung Kit, aged 18, said that the two girls were discovered by the lady inspector of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs during her rounds.

Leung So had been presented to the mother-in-law of the defendant and brought to Hong Kong three years ago. The second girl was given to the defendant for the sum of \$140, Canton currency, and had lived with her for five years.

The defendant, pleading guilty, said that she had lived in Hong Kong for over ten years but did not know the regulations, being a "country woman."

Inspector Fraser said that the girls did not receive wages, but were well fed and clothed. They wished to remain with the defendant as domestic servants.

In imposing a fine of \$50 on each summons, the Magistrate said that the fine would have been much heavier had the girls not been well cared for.

RADIATOR CAP
THIEF CAUGHT.Damaged Constable's
Whistle Chain.SENTENCE OF 11 MONTHS'
HARD LABOUR.

Wan Choi, an unemployed Chinese, appeared before Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with the theft of a radiator cap from car No. 389, receiving the radiator cap, and wilfully and maliciously damaging the whistle chain of the constable who arrested him.

It was stated that the prisoner, when caught by a Chinese constable in Des Vex Road Central on Christmas morning, struggled violently and, when the constable summoned help, snatched at his whistle and broke the chain.

Accused, who had two previous convictions, was sentenced to 11 months' hard labour.

"DIDN'T KNOW THE
ADDRESS."Coolie Caught With
Ducks.EXCUSE THAT WAS NOT
CONVINCING.

Lau Mau, a coolie, was convicted this morning by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Police Station, on a charge of unlawful possession of two live ducks, yesterday, in Connaught Road Central.

The accused stated that the ducks were given to him to be delivered to the Peak, but that he did not know the address. He was fined \$25 in default three weeks.

News In Brief.

Rainfall during the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.12 inches, making a total of 61.63 inches since January 1, against an average of 82.98 inches.

Pleading guilty to stealing two tins of paint from the Talkoo Dock yesterday, a Chinese painter, Mak Kan, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed upon Young Ching-chuen, an unemployed Chinese, by Mr. S. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing a sum of \$25 from the pocket of Chen Ho on Christmas Day in Queen's Road Central.

Famous Voice Restored by Desert Air



Jeanette MacDonald (right), screen star, pays a visit to stay by her physicians. The desert air has worked to Lily Pons, Metropolitan Opera soprano, at Palm Springs in the ailing star. So much so that she may return to the stage, where the diva was sent for an indefinite period to resume her interrupted tour.

ART AND DRAMA

What Constitutes
A Star?How Eminence May
Be AttainedGRIT AND BELIEF IN ONESELF
NECESSARY

By Sydney W. Carroll.

One of my correspondents comes to me this week in astronomical mood. I judge from the delicate handwriting and the views expressed that they are those of a lady. The theatrical horizon is thickly enclouded, says she, with bright stars. The theatrical Heaven resembles the Milky Way. Why all these constellations, when they can produce between their myriad lustres hardly so much revealing light as one might reasonably expect from a farthing-worth of rush?

This is too cynical an inquiry, based upon untruth. We have several planets, a few score or more of twinkling lesser lights, any of whom may unexpectedly suddenly burst into meteoric splendour. Heart-burning is not pleasant, and I must not be the cause of it in any fair breast, so names will be avoided; but the problems of what constitutes a star in theatreland, and how a star comes into being, may be worth a little contemplation.

False Stars

The false star is common enough. She may owe her stardom to managerial backing, private support with capital, beauty, social distinction, or mere effrontery. She may have achieved a reputation by a success in a single unquenchable play, the said play containing a part of adroitness or by hazard fitting her limited scope to exact measure. She may have achieved greatness (and certain well-known artists come in to view as I write) by a continuous process of part selection, an expert judgment of values in characters and pieces replacing to some extent natural ability.

There have been, especially in America, the land of the booster, managers who undertake to, and firmly believe that they can, convert into stars any third-rate actress to whom they take a fancy, and certainly, if we may judge by some of the products of this type of "barker," the help of the Press agent and the poster merchant have not been commercially in vain. But these strange yellings and bangings of drums have lately been turned upon the folk of the film. In earlier theatrical times even the great Sarah Bernhardt did not despise them in her journey. To travel with her own coffin, a pet python, and ten marble busts was once the trade mark of the most exalted.

A Star Must Rise

Your real star is like oil upon water, and cannot be kept down. There is really no need for the big type letter when a genuine star is on the bill. The name stands out by virtue of itself in flaming

supremacy. But you will never persuade your star to believe it. And sometimes the more indisputable the claim to stardom, the more insistent and sensitive the claimant.

It must require enormous confidence, tremendous grit, colossal belief in oneself, I always think, to claim a superiority over your fellows that entitles you to relegate them to small type, to put everyone but yourself in the background of an art, whilst all eyes, all minds are focussed at your own request upon yourself.

It may not mean egotism. It is not necessarily selfishness. It may not be greediness for applause, avidity of praise, that prompts the yearning to be a star. It may come from a laudable desire to excel to be supreme in one's appointed task, to be a master. Yet there have been honest players who have spent years of effort under these stimuli never to reach the goal.

The Rank And File

Others there are, and thank God for it, who are content loyally and humbly to fill in minor niches, to do their smaller jobs, to the best of their talent, conscientiously, unambitiously, decently. We cannot all have aspirations. There is enough competition in the field as it is, without each participant desiring to shine. There is sometimes more joy amongst the critical gods from a small part well played than from all the fearsome struggles of a group of stars.

No light can be more thrilling to

BRIEF LIFE OF THE
CHORUS GIRL

Career Over At 30.

PLEA TO RAISE PRESENT
SALARY RATES

The career of the chorus girl was described as a short and ill-paid one when, at a meeting in London of the British Actors' Equity Association presided over by M. Lewis Casson, it was agreed to give chorus members two representatives on the council.

Mr. James Robertson, of Drury Lane, said the standard contract for the chorus was not suitable to-day, and he added:

"The useful age for a girl chorister's life is from 16 till 30. After that she is finished. They should have extra remuneration for the shortness of their professional life. There should be £4 a week for eight performances."

Mr. Claude Britton-Eldred said: "In London choruses to-day there are educated men and women who have studied or are studying singing in English, French, German, and Italian; elocution, dancing, and fencing."

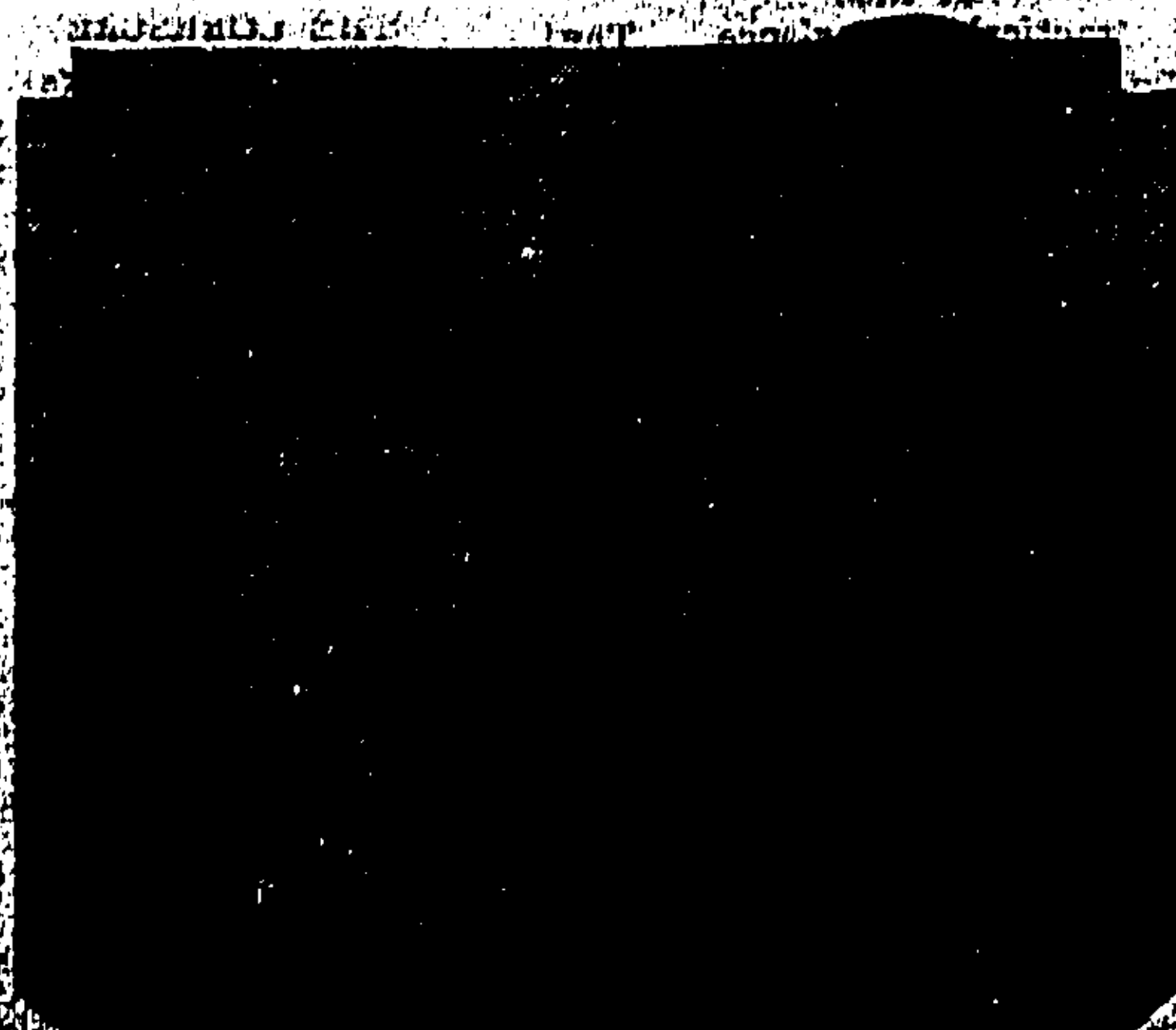
GEORGE ROBEY IN
CABARET.A Successful
"Debut."

London. Mr. George Robey is providing at the Trocadero one of the biggest "draws" cabaret has ever had in London. And in the more intimate atmosphere of the dinner tables he is "getting it across" as successfully as he has ever done in the famous halls in which he has made his name.

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One detected an interesting, original poetic mind at work in an idiom not essentially different from that of Central Europe at the end of the nineteenth century.

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Learning.

A subject which has often provoked the serious thought of members of the teaching profession has been re-opened by Dr. McRae, who, in a booklet issued by the Australian Council for Educational Research, remarks that "ability to skim is invaluable to a student." Dr. McRae means, of course, that there is in every book a certain amount of "padding," and that the student should sift the wheat from the chaff, seizing on the essentials. That is to say, he should be trained to notice the key sentences and paragraphs, and pass lightly over the less important material. Indeed, there has been such a development of education, and the modern student is expected to read so many books, that without the "ability to skim" he would cut a rather sorry figure at examination time. The subject is an exceedingly interesting one, and opinions will be divided about it. To sail up the main stream without any exploration of its tributaries may be accomplished easily enough, but much valuable country will be missed. It is like asking the reader of the "Foray Saga" to cut out the "trappings" and get on with the "story." Think of all the delectable country that one would miss! And what would the reader know about Galsworthy at the end of it? If, however, as the remarks of Dr. McRae imply, there is more reading matter in the books set for study than the student can reasonably be expected to absorb, the question of shortening them for school purposes will have to be considered. Knowledge increases at an ever-accelerating speed, but the span of our life is three-score years and ten. We have learnt many things, but we have not learnt how to lengthen the day. The training of a medical student at the University used to take five years; now it runs into six, and if the discoveries in the field of medicine and surgery continue at the rate of the past ten or twenty years we can see the time approaching when "skimming" will be the order of the day at the Medical School. Perhaps there is a fair amount of it already. Take, again, the studies that have been made in engineering—all his branches—the new developments of physics, and of chemistry. The student who cannot skim is at a disadvantage. The stream of knowledge is too broad for him to wade across.

days in no longer sufficient; each branch, each tributary, must be separately explored. And so this world of hurry and bustle has ushered in an age of specialisation, for even the head of Goldsmith's immortal schoolmaster would be unable to carry all the knowledge associated with any one of the sciences to-day. Specialisation is the only solution of the problem. The human brain is a wonderful thing, but it is delicate and complex. It will hold so much, and no more. The Great Artificer never intended that all things should be known to all men; in the world of mind, whatever may be the case in regard to material things, there must be a division of wealth, a sharing of riches. As if in obedience to some great law, this man's brain responds to the call of science, and that man's is a literary treasure-house. Or is it music, is it art that sets the chords vibrating? But that is not all. Science is multifarious, literature is boundless, art is many-sided, and so the brain selects and specialises—like the wind, it blowseth where it listeth. There is a lesson for us in all this. It is the lesson which Dr. McRae has, perhaps unconsciously, endeavoured to drive home in impressing upon the student the value of an "ability to skim." It has its drawbacks without doubt, but as life is short—and particularly school life—no other course is open. Few students, he tells us, read as rapidly as they should to gain "large meanings," and it is to the "large meanings" that education ought to be directed. Having gained them, we can afterwards direct our attention to specialised knowledge. Take, as an example, the successful politician—using the term in its better sense. He may or may not have had a special education in the schools, but he has learnt "large meanings" in the university, of life—has read them in the book of practical experience. The non-essentials he has passed by as of little or no account, and has fastened on to the big things, the great practical issues of life. That is the secret of his success. He has not attempted to clutter his brain with all sorts of things for which he will never have any use. That a certain amount of "skimming" is necessary for school examinations we all know, but there is still room enough for that after the "skimming." To skim is, however, a very different thing from the trouble of the student who, on this point or that, cannot find material from which to write an answer. He is, in fact, a skimmer, not a skinner. The student who cannot skim is at a disadvantage. The stream of knowledge is too broad for him to wade across.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Interviewing O'Duffy

A journalist has just returned to London from Ireland, where he had an interview with General O'Duffy at the ivy-clad house in Merrion-square, Dublin, which is the headquarters of "Fine Gael," the new United Ireland Party.

The building has none of the elegance of Hitler's Brown House. There are, however, guards in the hall on the staircase, on the landings.

The General, dressed in an old blue suit, with his tie slung carelessly round a frayed collar, sits in a large, well-lit room, where the high French windows are the only remnants of former distinction. The huge gilt mirrors are sadly tarnished. Chairs and the General's plain deal table are the sole pieces of furniture.

"Not For Sale"

In his public appearances Eoin O'Duffy reads his speeches from a type-written manuscript. His delivery is far too rapid, and many of his words are lost. But in private conversation he talks with deliberation.

"For some years," he told the newspaperman "I fought against the English. But in 1921 I accepted the Treaty and became head of the Free State police. In that capacity I organised 900 posts throughout the country and was able to guarantee safety of life and property to our people."

"Why did Mr. de Valera dismiss you?" asked the journalist.

"Why? Because he had to placate his Republican friends with my dismissal. Four times he asked me to come to see him. We talked until into the night. He offered me other posts. But I was not for sale."

The General was asked about the Fascist tendencies attributed to him. O'Duffy's small, well-shaped hands drummed nervously on the table—hands from one of which a finger is missing, shot away by an English bullet when the General fought in the I. R. A. for de Valera.

Plans For Power

"When we come into power," he says, "I shall govern constitutionally. But I have one main purpose before me, and that is to end the rule of the gun in Ireland forever."

To the question whether his new Party will not suffer from the obvious sympathy of the English, he replies: "Is it my fault? England shows sound taste and good judgment in this matter?"

There is a movement from outside. O'Duffy springs to his feet. "In that room," he says dramatically, indicating a door, "men are waiting for me who have suffered more and struggled harder for Ireland's sake than the whole crowd over there."

He sweeps his arm towards the Government buildings at the end of the Square.

The interview is ended.

Your Daily Smile.

NOT THE SAME ONE.

"Just look at old Phillips over there—thoroughly enjoying himself! And I've always understood he was a woman-hater."

"So he is; but she's not with him to-night."

Half And Half

"Do you know that your former maid is now with us?"

"Really?"

"Oh, don't be alarmed, my dear. I only believe half she tells me."

THE CORRESPONDENT.

Erratic Author (to wife): "It's always the same! Whenever I feel that I must work, I can't lay my hands on anything, and..."

"But my dear, I've put out your paper, your pencils, and blotter, and..."

"Yes, I see that, but where's my corker?"

Facts You Did Not Know

A circular electric refrigerator has been developed in Germany that is a wonder as the surrounding air is cooled by the liquid in the coils.

A novel device for a person's eyes has been developed which is a combination of a contact lens and a contact mirror, and is applied to the cornea by a special device.

BRITAIN'S STARVED AIR FORCE

WORST EQUIPPED OF ALL THE GREAT POWERS

(By Major C. C. Turner.)

London.

While disarmament so largely engrosses public attention, the extent to which it has already gone in this country is far from realised.

Unless some general agreement is quickly attained, we shall not be able to contemplate our present defencelessness with equanimity. The facts ought to be known.

Lord Jellicoe has just stated that our Navy is inadequate to protect our trade; Lord Hailsham says that our Army is really only an imperial police force. Stronger language would be fully justified regarding the Air Force.

In war the Air Force would give and take the first blow. It might be strong enough to be the nation's sure shield against what might be an irretrievable disaster.

If our Air Force is not strong enough, and ready, destruction, disorganisation, and panic would in a few hours determine the issue against us.

London Exposed To Air Attacks

With London, and our factories, our railways, our depots and our docks exposed to air attack, the Navy, in the face of a victorious enemy air force, would lose its freedom of movement and be partially immobilised, and the Army would be checkmated.

There is one thing worse than war, and that is defeat. Yet our Air Force is being starved, although more than any other country Great Britain is dependent upon supremacy in the air. In air strength Great Britain is the fifth among the Powers. The latest estimates, indeed, place it sixth. It ought to be first.

In an article in the Journal of the German League of Nations Union, Herr M. R. Nadolny, head of the German delegation at Geneva, places the Powers in the following order of total military aeroplanes, including reserves:

France ... 4,500 Britain ... 2,400
U.S.A. ... 3,058 Japan ... 2,000
Russia ... 2,700 Italy ... 1,500

But his estimate for Great Britain includes units of the Air Force in India, which are not at the disposal of the Air Ministry, and the Air Forces of the Dominions, which obviously could not help us here in the hour of need.

Coast Defence Force Overseas

His estimate also apparently includes some Fleet Air Arm units which exist only on paper, and even the University "squadrons," which are non-military.

Deducting these, Great Britain falls to the bottom of the list.

But the Home Defence Air Force is not all we have starved the Air Force in all its branches.

We have only one Coast Defence squadron, and that is overseas. The Army has only five co-operation squadrons at home, and these all of one kind of equipment. The Army has no attack formations.

The Army has no means of waging a major air offensive. A British Expeditionary Force would presumably have to borrow from our starved Home Defence Air Force!

In the face of a great offensive from the air against London, against our military depots, our railways, docks, bridges, power stations, and munition factories, what is our defence?

Our Lack Of Air Liners

We have thirteen fighter squadrons at home, and their operations would be assisted by ground artillery, and by such "passive defences" as balloon "aprons." We have no "aprons," nor have we ready material for them.

We have at our disposal a remarkable searchlight known as the "grid." It would much increase the difficulties of night air raiders. The Air Ministry has not acquired even one of these new searchlights, nor has the War Office.

While our Air Force has been starved, other countries have been building up, and it is evident that our encirclement has increased the difficulties in the way of our recovery.

Civil aircraft are adaptable for certain military purposes, especially for bombing. It is true they have not the climbing and high altitude performance necessary in military aircraft, but in the face of a numerically weak air force, with more than enough on its hands in dealing with the enemy, civil aircraft in large numbers would be very formidable.

They would be of comparatively little use against a strong Regular Air Force, the possession of which is, therefore, not only the best defence, but also the best insurance against war.

Great Britain has a few air liners, but with very few exceptions these are at all times scattered over the air routes, and we may be sure few, if any, would succeed in running the gauntlet home if a strained situation suddenly arose.

What has happened in the memories of most of us as regards ships would happen with far greater suddenness and speed in the air.

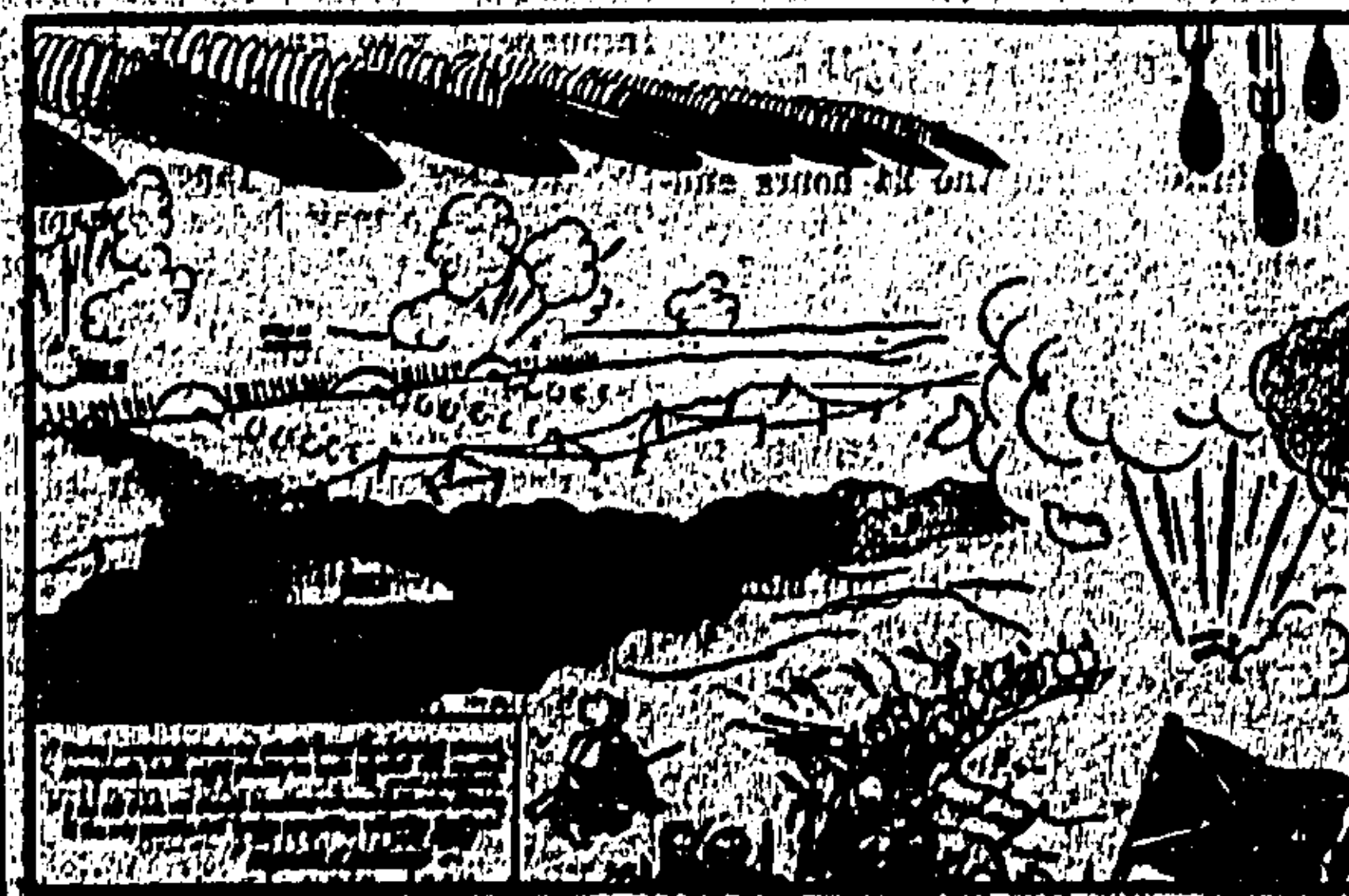
The big commercial air fleets of France and Germany are nearly all at home and available.

Great Britain's fighter and bomber planes are the best in the world, albeit the lead we had four years ago is gradually closing up. We have the best personnel and the best-trained as regards Europe, although there is little to choose between ours and that of the United States in these respects. We have a highly efficient Air Staff, and a sound organisation.

But we cannot create a numerically strong enough Air Force in a month or two, and most certainly it will be too late in any future war to do it after fighting has begun.

The situation must be tackled vigorously, and at once. We ought to have a three-years programme of expansion up to an increase of fifty per cent, and that quite apart from the particular needs of the Fleet Air Arm.

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ALLEGED SPIES IN PARIS ROUND-UP

Arrested Americans Protest Innocence.

DECLARE PLOT FRAMED BY FRENCH POLICE

Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Switz, American citizens who were arrested by the French police on a charge of espionage, with eight other persons, in a big round up were examined by the magistrate. They professed their entire innocence of the charges and declared that they were the victims of a police frame-up. They were taken into custody, presumably because of their too close association with persons who were said to be known by the police to be actively engaged in espionage.

The police, upon making the arrests, stated that they had carried out the biggest anti-spy coup since the outbreak of the World War, and subsequently stated that the ramifications of the threads of espionage pointed back to Berlin.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON U.S. FLAGSHIP.

Santa Claus Visits The Mindanao.

MERRY PARTY GIVEN ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Christmas celebrations on board the U.S.S. Mindanao, flagship of the South China Patrol of the American Navy, were of an unusually elaborate character, a big party being held on board in the morning at which Santa Claus, who came on board by sampan, appeared laden with gifts for the children. A splendid Christmas tree was arranged on deck.

The celebration opened with a short religious service, a carol "Merry Christmas to You All," being rendered, followed by the Lords' Prayer and the hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Next instrumental selections were rendered by the Mindanao Minstrels, and another carol, "Silent Night," followed.

Next came the Christmas tree festival and distribution of gifts, and two more songs "Don't Say Aloha When I'm Gone" and "America" brought a delightful morning to a close.

DIRIGIBLES TO SPAN PACIFIC

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Litchfield said that his company contemplates establishing six-day dirigible service between California and the Philippines.

The first step would be the operation of a line between Hawaii and California on an experimental basis for a year or two, and thereafter the service would be extended to the Philippines.

A type of dirigible similar to the navy's present Macon would be employed, Litchfield indicated.

The Goodyear people hope to obtain an air-mail subsidy amounting to \$5,000,000 for service to Hawaii and a greater amount to support the service to the Philippines.

Legislation to enable the granting of such contracts is awaited.

Ships for such a commercial service have already been designed with 7,500,000 cubic foot helium capacity, capable of carrying 100 passengers, and 10,000 pounds of mail and freight.

Glass enclosed promenade decks along the bottoms of the ships, smoking rooms, dining quarters and shower baths are called for in the blueprints.

Two such dirigibles would be contemplated for the Pacific service at first. Development from then on would depend on traffic in prospect.

The Goodyear people anticipate that such a line would have patronage because of the shorter time it would take to cross the Pacific by that route.

The fastest service by ocean liners between the Philippines and the United States is 20 or 21 days.

Litchfield indicated that if the next session of congress would clear the way for such a programme, the dirigibles could be built and in operation by 1935.

The service would connect Honolulu with San Francisco in 36 hours.

Emergency landing equipment would be established in Guam between the Philippines and Honolulu.

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, general manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China) Ltd., in Hong Kong, arrived back from Manila this morning on the s.s. Empress of Canada.

"Fallen" Star



Because of his recent trouble with the authorities in Mexico City, when he is said to have hurled insults at a parade of Mexican cadets and to have been guilty of other 'deplorable behavior,' Lee Tracy, film star, has lost his job with the M-G-M studios. He had served less than two years of a five-year contract.

FUKIEN READY TO ATTACK

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The military authorities here, however, believe that no major war is expected before an order for a general offensive is issued.

The Nanking Government claims the recapture of Pingnan from the rebels after a six-hour engagement there.—Central News Agency.

SOUTHERN LEADERS AND NANKING.

Demand Government Reorganisation.

IMPORTANT MEETING IN CAPITAL TO-DAY.

Nanking, To-day.

The Central Political Council of the Nanking Government is holding an important meeting this morning to discuss the situation arising out of the demand of the Southern leaders for the reorganisation of the Central Government.

At the meeting, the Peace Delegation is expected to submit a report on the results of their visit to Canton and Kwangtung.

Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, arrived here from Shanghai this morning in time to attend the meeting.—Central News Agency.

CELEBRATIONS FOR RIZAL DAY.

Filipino Community To Hold Function.

Rizal Day will be celebrated by the Filipino community of Hong Kong on Saturday, December 30. A tiffin will be held at Lane, Crawford, and will be followed by music, songs and dancing. Judge A. R. Teodoro, of the Philippine Islands, will take the chair.

Tickets for the function may be had from Mr. R. Basa and Dr. Aienza.

N. C. O. DISMISSED FROM ARMY

Local Court Martial's Stern Sentence.

G.O.C. REDUCES GAOL TERM

Sentence of one year's hard labour, reduction to the ranks, and discharge with ignominy from His Majesty's service, has been passed on Sergeant William John Thomas, 2nd Battery, R.H.K.S.R.A., for the misappropriation of mess funds.

Six months of the prison sentence, decided by the District Court Martial, last week, has, however, been remitted by His Excellency the G.O.C., Major-General O. C. Borrett.

Five charges, involving a sum of \$284.83, payable to Messrs. Abbas Khan, army contractors, were preferred. At the trial, the accused denied the misappropriation, and described the allegations as a conspiracy.

TAMAR CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

Signalman Sullivan Buried Yesterday.

FULL NAVAL HONOURS ACCORDED

The funeral of Signalman John Augustine Sullivan, who was fatally injured on Monday afternoon on board H. M. S. Tamar as a result of a fall into the midship hatchway, took place this morning at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, with full Naval honours.

The Rev. T. A. Giles, Chaplain to H.M.S. Medway, officiated, H.M.S. Tamar supplying the firing party.

The coffin draped with the Union Jack, was conveyed from the Royal Naval Hospital on a gun carriage drawn by a gun's crew from H.M.S. Berwick, the cortege including Commodore Frank Elliott, Cdr. C. H. Heath-Caldwell, D.S.O., H.M.S. Tamar, Lieut. Cdr. R. G. Chichester, H.M.S. Tamar, Surg. Lieut. J. Corbett, H.M.S. Tamar, and Lieut. W. E. C. Lowndes, H.M.S. Cornflower, messmates from H.M.S. Tamar, a firing party from H.M.S. Berwick, Royal Marines, a band from H.M.S. Berwick, and a large number of Petty Officers and ratings.

Outside the Catholic Cemetery the firing party and band formed a guard of honour. Wreaths were from Commodore and Mrs. Frank Elliott, H.M.S. Tamar; Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. Tamar; Eng. Cmdr. P. H. McCarty, and Engine Room Staff, H.M.S. Tamar; Chief, P.O.s and P.S.s, H.M.S. Tamar; Communications Staff, H.M.S. Tamar; Chief Yeomen, and Yeomen, H.M.S. Tamar; St. Patrick's Club; Q.M.s' Mess, H.M.S. Tamar; P.O.s' Mess, H.M.S. Tamar; Royal Marines; H.M.S. Tamar; Mac, Jerry, Niger, John and O'Connor; Shipmates, H.M.S. Tamar; V/S Dept., H.M.S. Wren; Officers and Ship's Company, H.M.S. Tarantula; Communications Staff, H.M.S. Keppel; Communications Staff, H.M.S. Berwick; Stonecutters W/T Station;

All warships in harbour flew their colours at half-mast from 9.15 a.m. until 10.15 a.m.

To-day's Short Story.

WHEN I WAS IN AFRICA

By Massimo Bontempelli.

I NEVER had any real inclination for murder. In fact, I have killed up to now—only my friend Amilcare; and when I consider this deed now that a long time has elapsed it seems to me that it was not a bad idea, after all.

It happened many years ago in the town of Casablanca.

I had gone to Casablanca to recover from a love trouble, caused by an American girl, who had followed me from Europe to Asia, and had forsaken me there. As I naturally began to hate Europe, Asia and America, I decided to live for a certain time in Africa—seeing that Australia is too far away. This is why I was at Casablanca—which, as some people know, is just in Africa, on the Atlantic.

Just to calm my embittered mind, I remained shut up in my room all day long, writing a life of Ruggero Bonghi, with the help of documents I had gathered in my travels. At night I used to go out and take a modest mazagan in one of the two hundred tabarins which flourished in that noble colony. It was in one of these resorts that I made the acquaintance—I should really say the friendship—of a modest and passionate man whose name was Amilcare.

He was a Portuguese born in Brazil, who sold carpets from a great stock which he had brought with him. He would come every night to that tabarin to gamble at the roulette and lose all he had been able to earn during the day. I did not gamble, for I had noticed several times that I was unlucky, but stretched myself on an easy-chair to wait for him.

Happily it never took more than an hour for Amilcare to lose all he had. Therefore, towards midnight, he came to remove me from my easy-chair, saying:

"This night I had bad luck."

And we went home together, under the heavy tropical stars.

BYRD EXPEDITION IN ROSS SEA.

Plane Used To Survey Heavy Ice Pack.

Aboard Byrd's Flagship in the Antarctic.—A flight over the uncharted vastness of the Ross Sea has convinced Admiral Richard Byrd that he will be able to push his ship much further toward Little America than he expected.

When the flagship, ploughing down along the 150th meridian, encountered a seemingly impenetrable ice pack, Byrd, with a crew of four, struck out in the seaplane on December 22 over the unknown spaces ahead.

They returned to report that there was no heavy ice pack ahead. It had first been supposed that the pack was impenetrable, extending far across the Ross Sea and backed by a mass of land like an archipelago. After his flight Byrd was not sure of this.—Associated Press.

One night he told me, as usual:

"This night I had bad luck." We went away. But we had scarcely moved a step and were still on the threshold of the play-room, when he, putting a hand into his pocket to take out his cigarettes, found he had still one franc left.

"By Jove!" he said, "I have not lost all! I will go and stake it. I will soon be back."

He had already nearly approached the roulette when he came again towards me.

"Where shall I put it?" he asked. "Where you like. Be quick."

"No," he insisted, "tell me on what number I have to stake it."

"Well, on the 45."

"But there is no 45," he cried in a dejected tone, "there are only 36 numbers."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Mai Of St. Maurice," by Michael Kent.

"All right, then, put it on the 36." He hurried to the roulette. A minute later I heard the herald-like voice of the croupier announce:

"Trente-six rouge pair et passe."

I saw the trembling back of Amilcare, and his hands stretching out towards the five-franc coins which were heaped by the side of his franc. Meanwhile, he half turned his head towards me, asking, with choked voice:

"Tell me, quick, quick: where shall I stake these 36 francs?"

I was bored. Just to make an end of it:

"Leave all on the 36," I replied. "Be.... really?" he stammered. I was imperative and pitiless.

"Leave all there."

As obedient as a dog, he left the money on that number. He turned a humble glance to me, upwards, and a glance of fear to the whirling roulette. Then the turning thing slackened down, stopped.

"Trente-six rouge pair et passe."

A cry of astonishment was uttered by two or three people. The croupier was already counting out with indifference the sum of money to Amilcare.

"And now?" he asked with a voice which seemed that of a ghost.

"And now," I said imperatively, "home!"

He was so full of humble admiration for me that he did not dare to object a word. He spread his one thousand two hundred and ninety-six francs in all his pockets and, like a docile dog, like a woman in love, followed me without speaking.

On the following day I no longer thought of all this, of course, and was busy about Ruggero Bonghi. Amilcare came to my house in the evening to take me out. He said nothing, only he proposed with indifference:

"Shall we go to the 'Flamboyant'?" (This was the name of the tabarin). When we arrived there and I was going to lie down in my easy chair, he asked with discretion:

"Why do you not come for a minute near me? Are you not going to tell me a number?"

I hesitated for a moment, then consented.

"Stake on 5."

"The 5 won."

"And now?"

"Stake on 18."

"The 18 won."

"And now?"

Amilcare was not surprised at all. The other players were, instead, and looked at me with a sort of fear. I felt embarrassed. I told him impatiently:

"I do not know; do what you like."

I turned my shoulder on him and took refuge in my big leather easy-chair. But he soon stood before me, calm:

"If you do not know, it means that I must stop a little."

He stood just there, on his feet, looking at me like one who is waiting for the doctor to speak while he is looking at the thermometer, or for the usurer of whom one has asked a loan; in short, as we wait for the word of a Superior Being.

I smoked two cigarettes, trying to avoid his eyes. For some time I would stare at my right side, at a corner of the room—where there was nothing. Then I would turn quickly my head to my left side, begging him, in a corner where there was a small palm-tree.

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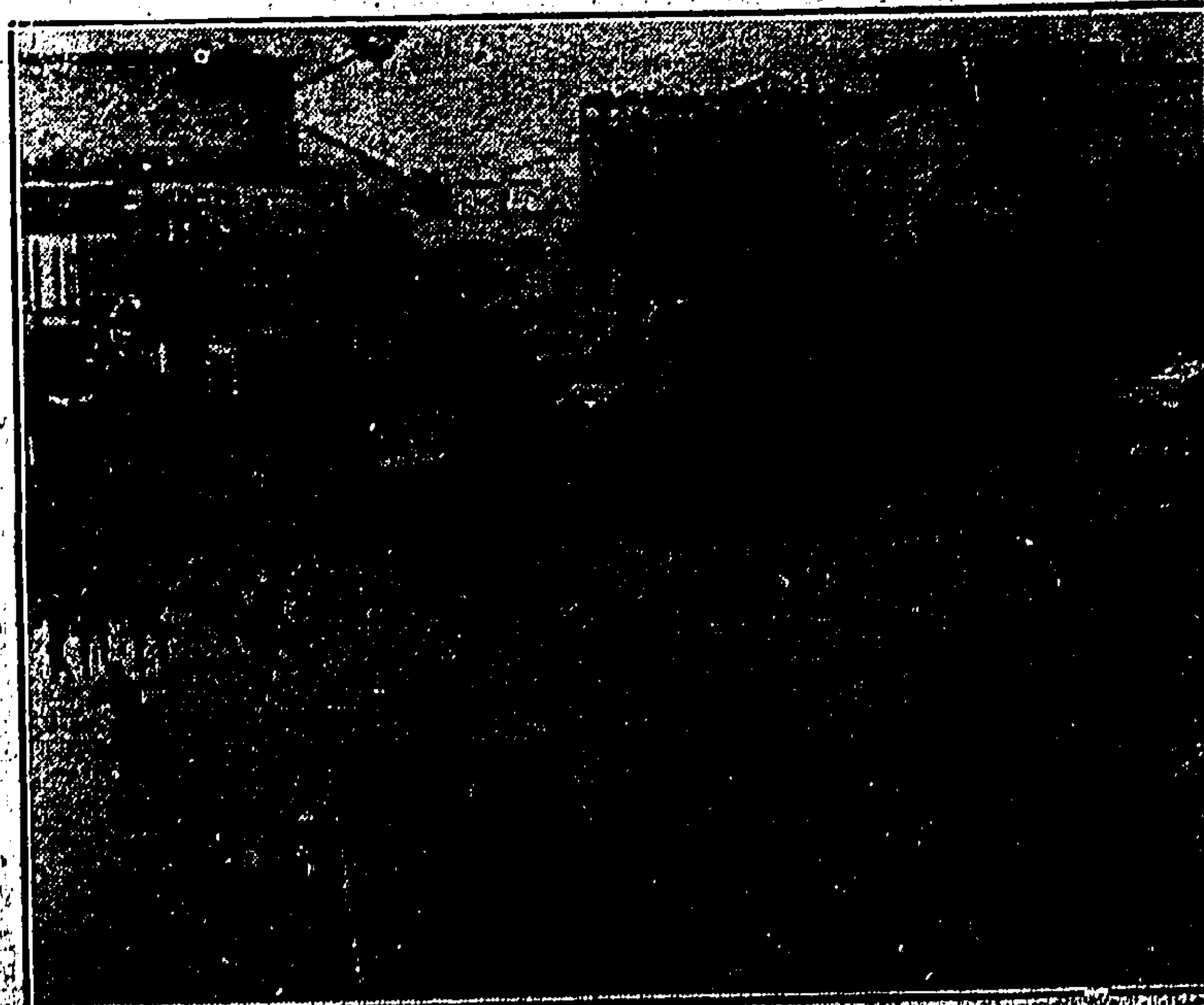
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COMORIN CHITRAL *BURDWAN	15,000 15,000 6,000	10th Mar. 24th Mar. 31st Mar.	Marseilles & London. Marseilles & London. Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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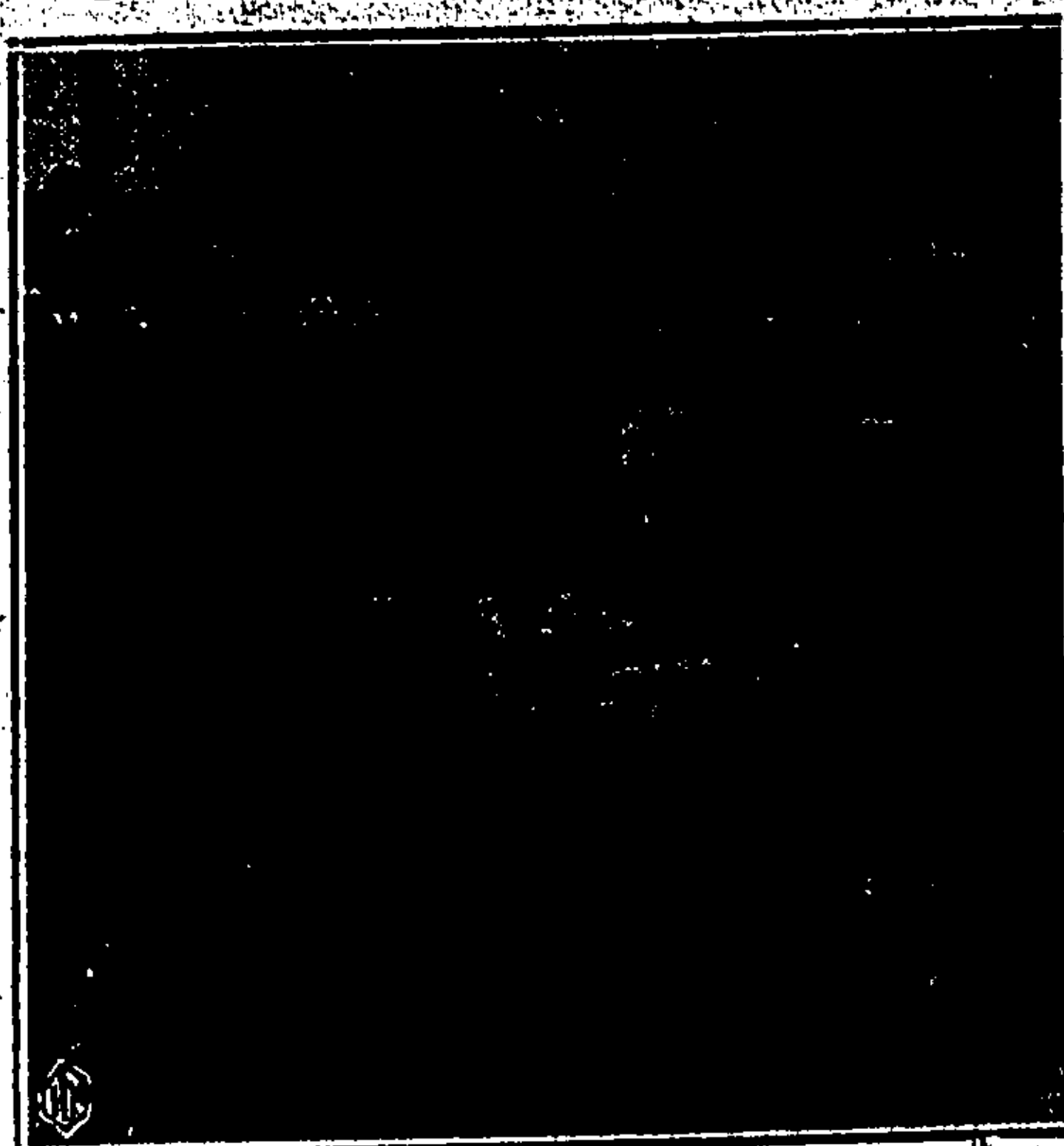
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SANTHIA	8,000	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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RANCHI	17,000	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Nazi Minister at Fire Trial



One of the thrilling events of the Reichstag fire trial at Leipzig, Ger-
many, was when General Hermann Goering, Chancellor Hitler's right
bower, appeared to testify. Here is the Nazi Minister without Portfolio,
a moment after the dramatic outburst to which he had been goaded by
one of the defendants, Georgi Dimitroff.

SEARCH FOR RARE PARROT

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NOCTURNAL BIRD SOUGHT

Sydney, N.S.W.
In their quest for Australia's
rarest bird, the mysterious
spinifex or night parrot, eight
businessmen, all members of the
Field Naturalists' club, and
whose interests include botany,
geology, ornithology, and ethno-
logy, left Melbourne recently on
a 5,000 mile trip through Central
Australia.
It is more than 80 years since
the existence of this bird was
first reported by a white man,
and since then expeditions sent
out in search of the bird have
met with little success. Some
scientists believe that the species
which was once quite common in
the spinifex country in Central
and Western Australia, is now
extinct.

It is said to have been nocturnal
in its habits and completely
terrestrial, running swiftly along
the ground, never even per-
ching in a tree. They are at a
loss to account for its apparent
extinction, considering the unal-
tered character of its habitat
and the great area over which it
was formerly found.
The party will make a botani-
cal and geological study of in-
land Australia, and secure col-
lections of aboriginal stone im-
plements, in addition to endeav-
ouring to find specimens of the
spinifex parrot.—Reuter.

SLOOP CAUSES SENSATION.

H.M.S. Daffodil At
Durban.

Durban.
The spectacle of a vessel enter-
ing Durban harbour in the dark-
ness shortly before nine o'clock
one night caused considerable ex-
citement in hotels on the beach
front.
The vessel was the "Daffodil,"
one of the small sloops now at-
tached to the Africa Station, which
was returning with naval cadets
from a trip to Beira.
Admiralty vessels do not come
under the regulations prohibiting
the entry of any large craft into
Durban harbour between sunset
and sunrise. Whalers and fishing
vessels are also permitted to enter
the harbour at any time.—Reuter.

"REPUBLICAN HOME" IN TURKEY.

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Pasha's House.

Istanbul.
A new house for the Turkish
President, Mustapha Kemal
Pasha, is to be built on a foun-
dation of earth brought from the
remotest parts of Turkey.
Every town and hamlet has
been asked to send a cartload of
earth taken from its market
place for the purpose.
The house will be called the
"Republican Home"—to com-
memorate the founding of the
Turkish Republic 10 years ago.
—Reuter.

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Another step is marked in the
resuscitating of Chinese rail-
ways, by the shipping of a large
consignment of freight cars
built by Messrs. Hurst Nelson
and Co. of Motherwell, Glasgow.
Of those already on the way
to China, 50 wagons are for the
Tientsin-Pukow railway and 40
for the Canton-Hankow. These
are of the high-sided open type
of All-steel construction, each to
carry 40,000 kilos.
Besides these, 10 all-steel flat
wagons, of a capacity of 15,000
kilos, have been shipped for the
new Hangchow-Kiangshan rail-
way.

For the latter line Messrs.
Hurst Nelson are also building
24 passenger car under-frames
which will be ready to send out
soon. These are equipped with
all the latest devices and steam-
heating apparatus. The bodies
of the cars will be built in China
but bellows (vestibules for com-
munication between one car and
the next) are being supplied.
The whole order is paid for
out of the returned British
Boxer indemnity.—Reuter.

PRINCE AWAITING APPOINTMENT

King Carol's Son Back
In Rumania.

MARRIAGE DISPUTE ENDS

Bucharest.
Prince Nicholas has not yet
received an appointment in the
Rumanian army, as Reuter's
correspondent was informed.
Prince Nicholas returned re-
cently after a long absence and
his disagreement with King
Carol and the Rumanian govern-
ment over his morganatic mar-
riage with Mme. Saveneau, is re-
garded as ended.
When he returned it was
reported that he would take up
his duties as Inspector-General
of the Rumanian army and later
as chief of the Rumanian avia-
tion, but he has received no as-
signment yet, and is still puzzled
as to what role he will play.

It is also reported that Mme.
Saveneau upon her return to
Rumania will not live opposite
the Royal Palace, as was sug-
gested, but in the foreign quar-
ter of the city where she resided
before her departure.—Reuter.

Devil's Island Refugees in Sate Harbor



Although the refugees are not yet permitted to leave the island, they are allowed to visit the shore for a short time each day. A large number of the refugees are now being employed in the construction of a new road from the shore to the island. The refugees are also allowed to grow vegetables and fruit on the island, and to keep a few chickens and pigs. The refugees are also allowed to visit the shore for a short time each day.

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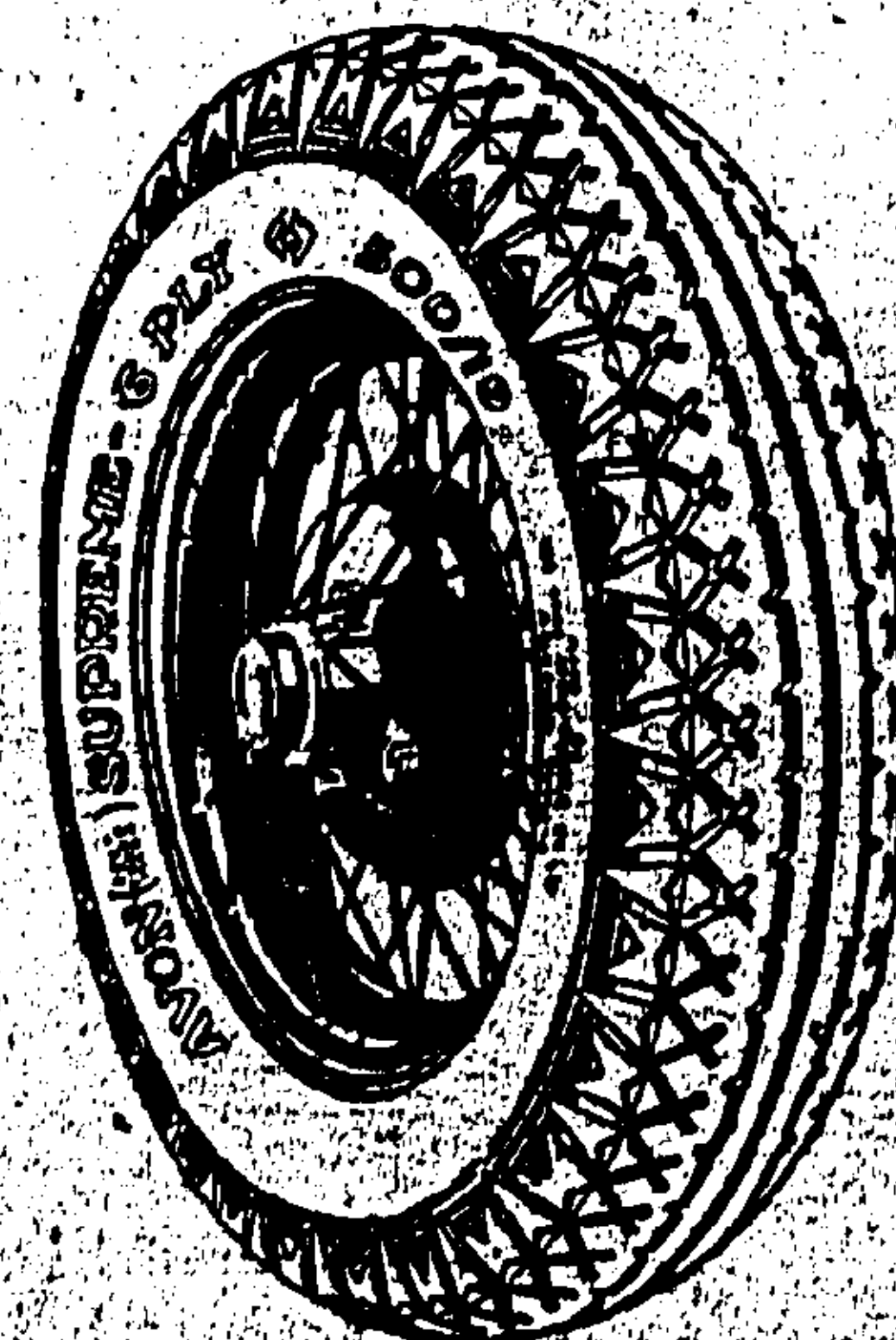
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soon the whole building was in-
volved. By the time the engines
arrived the flames had spread
across the street and set fire to the
building opposite, a grocer's shop.
A grocer's shop, and this also
caught on fire.
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turned out to the scene of the fire,
in charge of Mr. Brooks, the
Superintendent of the Brigade.
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diately available and the flames
were under control within 20
minutes.
The extent of damage is at pre-
sent unknown, but both buildings
are said to be seriously affected, the
upper floors of No. 23 being very
badly burnt.
No casualties are reported.

GERMAN EXILES FOR TURKEY?

Professor Einstein's
Request.

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—Reuter.

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eral Staff, has returned from a
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OFFICE DESK

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ing after the Christmas Holidays,
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Mahan Book Store (formerly the
Excelsior Book Store), in D'Aguilar
Street, Central, discovered that his
shop had been broken into and the
drawer of his desk rifled, over \$120
in cash being stolen.
The shop was closed on Christ-
mas Eve, and it appears that the
robbers gained access by the back
door, which they broke open. An
attempt to force the safe proved
beyond their ability. None of the
reading matter, however, was
touched.
The two "boys" in the shop, who
have been detained by the police
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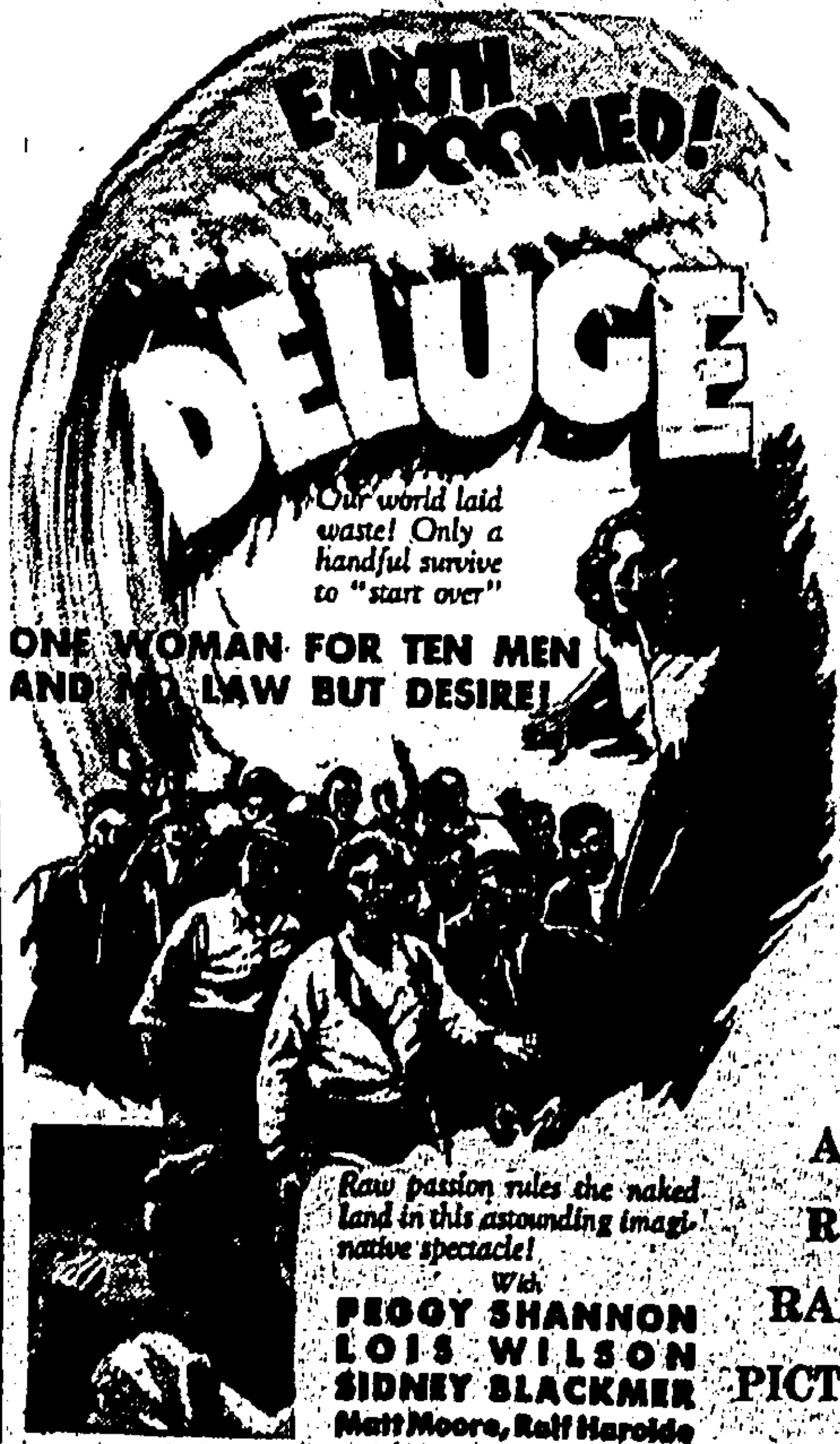
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